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The men on trial in Kuwait for the plot to assassinate Bush

Accused: some of the 14 defendants alleged to have taken part in a plot to kill President Bush waiting be called to the courtroom on the third day of their trial in Kuwait yesterday

US makes new threat to strike at terrorism

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, PHILIP WEBSTER AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

■ Washington's warnings of future reprisals and Iraqi hints that Britons must stay in jail are likely to deepen political divisions over the Baghdad raid

AMERICA said yesterday that any state sponsoring terrorist attacks on US targets would face reprisals similiar to its weekend missile strike on Baghdad. At the same time, an Iraqi diplomat said that Britain's support for the attack had delayed the release of three Britons held in Iraq.

President Clinton said the strike had crippled Iraq's intelligence capacity and should tell other terrorists around the world that henceforth the US would be "very aggressive" in dealing with them.

Vice-President Gore, referring to Iraq's alleged assassination attempt on George Bush, said: "We will respond similiarly to any group or nation that tries something like that, and we want them to know it."

The US warning came as Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, defended the American attack in the face of fierce political criticism that confirmed the breakdown of the cross-party consensus that has governed British policy on Iraq since the invasion of Kuwait.

In Brussels, Zaid Haidar, Iraq's ambassador to the European Community, said there had been "many positive and good signs" before the missile attack for the release of the three Britons who have been imprisoned for alleged illegal entry. "But after that declaration by [John Major], that justified directly the action, I believe we are stopped," he said.

Paul Ride, 33, and Michael Wainright, 42, were jailed last year for seven years and ten years respectively. Simon Dunn, 23, who was arrested this month, was jailed for eight years.

In the Commons, Mr Hurd told a divided House that the attack was justified. As anxious Conservatives joined the Opposition criticism of the American raid, George Robertson, Labour foreign affairs spokesman, said the raid should not have taken place and should not have been supported by Britain. "The American action yesterday," he said, "was dubious in legality, questionable in morality, haphazard in its military impact and potentially devastating in diplomacy."

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that Mr Major had urged President Clinton only hours before the missile attack to ensure that it was "limited and proportionate" and that it should take account of President Saddam Hussein's British prisoners. The prime minister also urged Mr Clinton to direct the assault specifically at those believed to be responsible for the assassination attempt on former President Bush.

The lengths to which Mr Clinton went to keep Mr Major informed were outlined by Downing Street. The White House telephoned Downing Street at noon on Saturday to advise him of the planned attack, but he was on a walkabout in the Ulster seaside town of Larne. Instead, one of the prime minister's private secretaries spoke to US officials; the two leaders exchanged messages at about 2.30pm. Mr Clinton told Mr Major he planned to carry out an attack, but did not detail the precise targets.

Washington's tough new stand comes after a resurgence of terrorist activity in America, beginning with February's bombing of the World Trade Centre, and could lead to further military action in the near future.

US authorities are investigating whether Sudan or Iran had supported the eight Muslim militants arrested in New York last week. Their alleged targets included two road tunnels under the Hudson river and the UN building. No conclusive evidence of foreign government involvement has been found, but officials suggested the case would be handled by the Pentagon, not the courts, if it was.

A Gallup poll published yesterday in the US suggested that the strike had boosted Mr Clinton's standing. It showed 66 per cent of respondents approving of the attack and 23 per cent disapproving. One in five said their confidence in Mr Clinton's leadership had increased.

Middle East experts, however, said that the strike was unlikely to weaken Saddam domestically, permanently hamper his intelligence machinery or even deter him from future terrorist activities.

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Police to face crime target

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE forces will have to meet annual targets for solving crime, put more men on the beat and cut bureaucracy under sweeping changes proposed yesterday by Michael Howard, the home secretary.

His plans, launched in a white paper, include controversial proposals to streamline police authorities and greater freedom for police to spend funds.

He immediately faced opposition on the introduction of Home Office nominees on police authorities. He said they would include businessmen and community figures.

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'Vigilante' kidnap sentences are cut

BY JOHN YOUNG

FIVE-YEAR prison sentences imposed on the two "village vigilantes" who kidnapped and threatened a 17-year-old they suspected of being a thief were reduced to six months by the Court of Appeal yesterday. But, giving judgment, Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, issued a strong warning against people taking the law into their own hands.

The men's actions had been indefensible, Lord Taylor said. If such behaviour were not discouraged it would lead to "retaliation, feuds and fights, injustice and a breakdown in public order".

Two respectable and respected citizens had decided to pursue a grievance by strong-arm tactics. However, although nothing but an immediate custodial sentence could be justified, the original sentences were "manifestly grossly disproportionate".

Counsel for the two men said they were ashamed of what they had done. They recognised their behaviour as criminal conduct that deserved punishment.

Villagers in Harleston, Norfolk, the home of one of the men, Duncan Bond, applauded and cheered when they learnt of the verdict. Nik Yandell, who led a campaign for mitigation of sentence, said he and his supporters were disappointed, but a reduction to six months was about the best they could have hoped for.

Gavin Last, the youth who was kidnapped, was said yesterday to be still in his home village of Dickleburgh, Norfolk. He had told a newspaper that he intended to move away, but villagers said he had been seen several times in the past 48 hours.

His mother said after yesterday's judgment that she thought the sentence had been reduced by too much. "They have done the crime and they should pay for it," she said.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary and MP for Norfolk South, said he was delighted the appeal had been heard so quickly. It was not for him to comment on the length of the sentences, but his concern had been for an urgent review.

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Colonel stranded by mine

FROM TOM RHODES IN VITEZ

LIEUTENANT Colonel Alastair Duncan, the commander of British forces in Vitez, was stranded in the heart of the war zone for some time last night after his Warrior armoured personnel carrier triggered an anti-tank mine near the embattled town of Zepce in central Bosnia. There were no casualties and the colonel was brought back to his base within two hours.

Lt-Colonel Duncan had been leading a troop of four Warriors to monitor the latest fighting in the region. He was at Brezovo Polje on the banks of the River Bosna, two miles south of Zepce, when his vehicle rolled over a mudbank containing the mine.

The explosion destroyed one of the tracks and left the Warrior stranded. By early evening the colonel made radio contact with the operations room in Vitez and his vehicle was towed back to base.

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Yorks agree terms of legal separation

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Duke and Duchess of York have reached agreement on the terms of their legal separation after nearly 15 months of negotiation. The announcement by Buckingham Palace yesterday puts paid to recent speculation that their marriage might be saved by a reconciliation.

Financial details of the separation agreement have not been disclosed, but it is clear from the length of time the negotiations have been in progress that they have been the subject of hard bargaining. John Bryan, the Duchess's Texan "financial adviser", is thought to have played a prominent role. Unconfirmed reports have suggested the Duchess has won a settlement worth about £2 million for herself, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie.

The Queen's second son and his wife of six years parted in March last year and said then that they would draw up a formal separation. Yesterday's announcement concludes the process and confirms that their children, who are fifth and sixth in line to the throne, will remain with the duchess. There are no indications when the separation might proceed to divorce, but royal protocol normally dictates a period of at least two years at the marriage breakdown.

Yesterday's announcement was ordered by the duke and duchess in the wake of stories and photographs in some newspapers showing the couple together with their children and looking apparently relaxed and friendly. Palace sources indicated yesterday that the duke and duchess remained good friends, that their prime concern was for the wellbeing of their children and that they would spend as much time as possible together for the sake of the young princesses.

The duke, a lieutenant-commander in the Royal Navy, now commands his own ship and spends long periods away from home. He still lives at the couple's former home at Sunninghill, Berkshire, built for £5 million. The duchess lives with their children in a rented house overlooking Wentworth golf course, in Surrey.

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Labour to return Costa's donation

BY JILL SHERMAN AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS

LABOUR'S national executive will tomorrow agree to hand back the £11,000 it was given by Charilaos Costa, the Greek-Cypriot businessman facing fraud charges in Britain, in spite of Mr Costa's denials that the money was stolen.

The executive is also expected to back a proposal that all substantial donations to the party be declared.

Margaret Beckett, deputy leader, said on Sunday that Mr Costa's donation would be returned if there were anything dubious about it. Yesterday party officials said that a cursory investigation showed that the money appeared to be "pretty dubious", and it would be given back. They are still deciding how to return the donation, but expect it to leave Labour coffers this week.

In an interview with *The Times* yesterday, Mr Costa rejected as "offensive and spurious" reports that he had donated large amounts of money stolen from his companies to the Labour party.

Mr Costa fled to his native Cyprus in the spring of 1991 after his companies went into receivership and the Serious Fraud Office began investigating the allegedly fraudulent disappearance of up to £14m.

Yesterday he claimed that the "insulting allegations" in Sunday newspapers that he gave £300,000 to Labour were designed to divert attention from the Tory party's damaging relationship with Asil Nadir, the Turkish-Cypriot fugitive.

"We are talking about very small amounts of money, and it was definitely not fraudulent money that I gave to the Labour party," Mr Costa said. "I am not putting a figure on my donations."

He also denied allegations that he told his former bank

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Mayhew regrets his opera gaffe

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, was under fire yesterday for joking that an opera plot was more tragic than a grenade attack in Belfast in which 30 people were injured. Last night Sir Patrick said he "much regretted" any distress caused by the remark.

The gaffe was compared to the incident in which Peter Brooke, Sir Patrick's predecessor, was persuaded to sing *Oh My Darling Clementine* on Irish television hours after the seven Protestants were killed by an IRA bomb. Sir Patrick's comments came as

Mayhew: apologised for any distress

he accompanied John and Norma Major to a performance of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* at Castleward House in co Down on Saturday evening, just hours after an explosion ripped through a Loyalist parade.

When approached by the BBC, Sir Patrick declined to comment because he knew nothing about the attack. The interviewer persisted. Sir Patrick answered: "No ... I'm going to the opera."

Sir Patrick was then told that 30 people were injured. "Well nobody dead. At the end of this opera everybody's dead," he said. He immediately added: "It was a very bad thing, not a thing to joke about at all."

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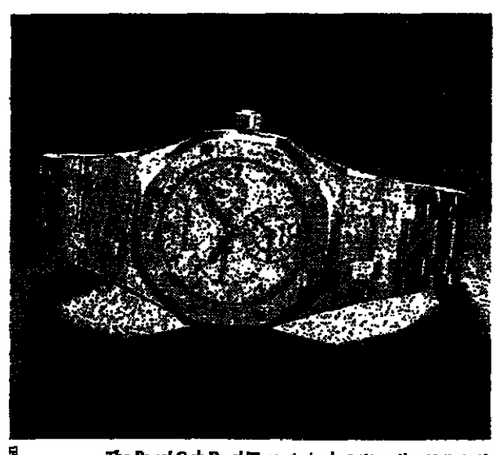

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Calming influence of the voice-over for every crisis

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Yesterday the foreign secretary urged an agitated Commons to support the US attack on Baghdad.

The really terrifying thing about our diplomat turned head of Mr Heath's political office turned Thatcher's home secretary turned Major's foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, is the very thing that makes him *at first* so reassuring. Mr Hurd is so completely professional that you have absolutely no idea what he thinks himself. You have a suspicion that he does think himself, but no inkling what.

Whatever the government has done, Mr Hurd pops up (if so dignified a creature can be said to pop up) and explains in the calmest voice that there was simply no alternative. Have appeals been made to reconsider the convictions of the Guildford four? Mr Hurd is sorry but the most exhaustive review has already been undertaken. The finest intellects have looked afresh. Mr Hurd regrets ...

Are Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong being dragged into lorries and carted off to the airport? Ah, how Mr Hurd *shares your distress*, how carefully he has considered every other suggestion, how plain it is that none would be workable. Is some appalling new tangle of Euro-bindweed called the Maastricht treaty threatening our sovereignty? Oh, but you have been deceived! Mr Hurd has read the treaty; please understand that its purpose is to *enhance* our sovereignty. Are Muslims being slaughtered in Bosnia? The pain is written across Mr Hurd's own face. If only he could help, you know he *would*. It *is almost vulgar* to suggest otherwise. You sit down to hear Mr Hurd, convinced there can be no way of talking our way out of this one. You end up embarrassed that you even thought there was a problem. Such is his relaxed, civilised self-confidence, his evident humanity, that every horror becomes a tragic necessity (or why would he tolerate it?), every accident a part of the plan.

He could be foreign secretary, he could be chaplain general to the armed forces, *he could* be UN secretary-general, he could be Master of Balliol, sir he could be the expert voice explaining the cleansing effects of Harpic in your lavatory. He could be the instructions on the wireless after a nuclear bomb, advising us that all was well but would we please whitewash our windows, wait under the table, and not drink the water for the moment — just in case? Mr Hurd's is the ultimate voice-over to video pictures supplied by somebody else.

This weekend the video pictures were supplied by the United States. Yesterday came Mr Hurd's voice-over. We must stand by our US allies; repel state terrorism. We must not be tricked by Iraqi propaganda ...

One had entered the Gallery with hackles raised by this attack, doubtful of its wisdom. But as that calm, decent voice washed, in polite waves, like his hair, over hearers, one's doubts began to seem so adolescent. Maybe we just needed a good night's sleep? Of course the Americans had been right. Of *course* the Iraqis would dissemble. Of *course* the Arab moderates would make a show of displeasure, at first ... You don't need to listen to his words: the very cadence of Mr Hurd's voice says "of course". We had been making a fuss about nothing, of course.

Still, Labour's George Robertson made a good fuss. Passionate but coherent, he rallied the Opposition in a way they were beginning to forget. For once he had the entire Labour party singing the same tune. It was an old tune: *Yankee Go Home*. But at least they knew the words.

Reluctant doctors back fundholding to avoid split

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS yesterday officially ended their opposition to the GP fundholding scheme — one of the key planks of the national health service reforms — despite continuing doubts about the impact on the service.

In a tactical move at the British Medical Association's annual conference in Torquay, Devon, they reluctantly agreed to back the scheme — under which larger GP practices are given a budget for hospital care — in order to avoid a damaging split within the profession.

More than 7,500 GPs are now fundholders and the proportion will climb to 40 per cent by April 1994. Doctors' leaders gave a warning that if the association continued its opposition it would risk losing the support of fundholders, which could be followed by the break-up of the profession.

Many doctors believe that the scheme is divisive because NHS trusts are giving priority to patients of fundholders, undermining the health service's principle of equity. But the government refused to recognise the BMA's right to negotiate on behalf of fundholders as long as it remained officially opposed to the scheme.

After an impassioned debate, the association accepted that it was better to retain its role as the GPs' sole negotiator with the government than maintain its lonely protest. The vote confirmed a similar decision by the association's conference of GPs earlier this month.

However, the continuing bitter opposition of doctors to the NHS reforms was reflected in a series of votes deploring the effect of the market and the failure to make money follow the patient and calling for an increase in funds.

Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of the BMA council, told the meeting that the the NHS was "falling away, piece by piece, like some cliff on the east coast". Charges for eye tests, dentistry and long-term care of the elderly were examples of how the NHS was being whittled away. "What will be the next chunk to slide into the sea?" he asked.

He attacked the government for increasing bureaucracy rather than reducing it and claimed the cost of implementing the reforms had been £400 million in each of the first two years. "Vital patient care could have been bought with this money," he said.

He urged Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary: "Don't allow yourself to be persuaded by your courtiers, the politically correct and some of your managers that the NHS reforms are an overwhelming success. They are not."

He claimed that the reforms were causing widespread disaffection among NHS staff, which "can only be harmful to those we both care about most — patients".

Dr Lee-Potter, who is seeking re-election after three years as chairman of the 85,000-strong association, faces a challenge to his leadership later this week from Dr Alexander Macara, a member of the BMA council.

His blunt message to the government is seen as an attempt to sharpen his image after criticism of his emollient style of leadership.

Two years ago, he narrowly survived a vote of no confidence at the association's annual conference in Inverness, Highland, for failing adequately to reflect the profession's frustration with the reforms, but he has consistently held that co-operation yields greater benefits than confrontation.

However, there is concern within the BMA that the association risks becoming isolated if it continues to oppose the reforms without offering an alternative.

In a speech last week, Brian Edwards, regional general manager in Trent, said the BMA was seen as being against everything, a view echoed by others outside the association. The central concern for doctors is that they are being sidelined in an NHS shaped by contracts and dominated by managers. But the association has so far failed to have a significant impact on the debate.

Responding to Dr Lee-Potter, Mrs Bottomley said: "There is no point in turning the clock back to the debates we had when the reforms came in. The changes are here to stay."

Earlier, she told a seminar organised by the Institute of Economic Affairs, that the reforms had "confounded the prophets of gloom" and that governments around the world were following the same course.

She added: "After two years of operation, the UK's health reforms are going well. We have delivered improvements, we are providing more services than ever, to a higher quality."

TONY WHITE

Hopping mad: Robin Leigh-Pemberton, 66, outgoing governor of the Bank of England, feels the stong arm of the law after his chauffeur ran over his foot at Wimbledon. The accident happened when Mr Leigh-Pemberton, who was made a life peer this month, was stepping out of his Rolls-Royce opposite the main gates of the All England Club. However, police moved the driver urgently as the Duke of Kent was due to arrive. The chauffeur duly pulled away, running over his passenger's foot. Mr Leigh-Pemberton was a guest with his wife Rosemary in the royal box on centre court. By 4pm, St John Ambulance volunteers had treated 116 people for the effects of heat.

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PM adds his weight to bid for Olympics

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister is to accompany the Manchester delegation to Monte Carlo on September 23 when the International Olympic Committee votes to decide where the 2000 Olympic games will be held.

John Major will be the first British prime minister to have addressed the committee during a session when the venue for the games is determined. His presence is a coup for Manchester, which is attempting to bring the Olympics to Britain for the first time since they were held in London in 1948.

The city faces stiff competition from Sydney, Peking, Berlin, Istanbul and Brasilia. The games are expected to cost £2.5 billion, but they should make a profit of £63 million, mainly from television fees, sponsorship and advertising.

Mr Major made the announcement yesterday as he was hosting a lunch at No 10 Downing Street for 16 IOC members who had toured northern England over the weekend and watched play at Wimbledon yesterday before dining with the Princess Royal.

The head of the delegation will be Bob Scott, but Mr Major will be able to tell the 91 IOC members of the government's commitment to the games, which has already included a £70 million gift for new facilities and underwriting the bid with £2.5 billion. In April, Mr Major visited the IOC headquarters in Lausanne.

The presence of a head of state impresses the committee and can influence voting. In 1986 a presentation by Jacques Chirac, then French prime minister, nearly swung the voting away from Barcelona in favour of Paris.

Mr Scott said: "It is the best boost we could have hoped for in our bid to host the millenium games."

Labour to return cash

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manager in London that Labour had cost him £1.5m in total. This is the same amount that Mr Nadir claims to have given the Tories.

Mr Costa is furious at being compared to Mr Nadir: "The problems I face as a businessman are the same that anyone can face due to the economic crisis and the recession," he said.

"I am very sorry if my business failure is causing problems and is giving the opportunity to the opposition to embarrass the Labour party." The businessman is also reported to have paid up to £60,000 to help fund a visit to Britain by the ANC leader, Nelson Mandela, at the request of a senior Labour figure. "Some money was paid but nowhere near £60,000. It was not a request from the Labour party; it was a request from the ANC."

Labour will also agree in principle to declare unilaterally any private donations of a substantial size, even if the Tories fail to follow suit. It will refuse to accept any foreign donations, except from British citizens living abroad.

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Irish tax amnesty aims to raise £1bn

The Irish government has announced plans for a tax amnesty in which "hot money" held illegally abroad will be subject to a levy of only 15 per cent if declared now, well below the normal 50 per cent rate. It is the second time in five years such an amnesty has been set up and the exchequer hopes to recoup up to £1 billion in lost revenue.

The 1988 amnesty generated about £500 million, much more than the government had expected, with money often coming from people who had evaded tax for years. This year "hot money" is included in the scheme for the first time.

The amnesty is backed by the main party leaders but some opposition politicians claim it merely condones illegal practice.

Humphrys takes over

John Humphrys will take over as the main presenter of *Today*, BBC Radio 4's news programme, when Brian Redhead leaves next spring. The BBC confirmed that Mr Humphrys was to work five days a week — more than any previous *Today* presenter. It also emerged a woman would be chosen to complete the *Today* team. Diary, page 18

Poison necklace alert

Oxfam is recalling about 1,000 necklaces made from poisonous seeds and sold by its shops. The seeds, the size of a small broad bean, contain ricin and if swallowed could kill or cause serious illness. Last night staff at Oxfam in Shaftesbury, Dorset, were seeking a woman who bought ten necklaces for a children's party. Body and Mind, page 17

Implant women to sue

A solicitor coordinating claims over silicon breast implants is urging women who have suffered over implants to come forward. Paul Balen of Freeth Cartwright, Nottingham, who is helping to prepare action against the US manufacturers, has been contacted by six women from Nottinghamshire. He estimates that UK solicitors have 50 to 100 cases.

RAF jump jet crashes

The pilot of of an RAF Harrier jump jet escaped serious injury when his aircraft crashed during a training flight over Lincolnshire yesterday. The plane, on a flight from Germany, came down in open farmland outside the village of Heckington, near Sleaford. The pilot used his ejector seat and was picked up by a rescue helicopter.

Royal match that ended in tabloid tales

BY ALAN HAMILTON

Duke: said to have agreed to Bryan as adviser

Duchess: believed to have initiated the split

THE announcement by the Duke and Duchess of York that they had reached agreement on the terms of a legal separation is the latest chapter in an idyll that has gone distinctly sour.

Since the couple were wed with full pomp and splendour in Westminster Abbey in 1986, the Queen has seen the marriages of three of her children fail. When the Yorks first announced in March last year that they were parting company and seeking a legal separation, Palace sources intent on disowning the duchess made clear that it was she who had initiated the proceedings. She has done little to discourage the official view that she was a loose cannon on the royal deck, unsuited to the disciplined life required.

The undisclosed separation terms are almost certain to contain a condition preventing the duchess from being tempted to accept a publisher's advance to tell of her brief and tempestuous royal life. Recent reports, which have not been denied, suggest that she has been given a lump sum of £500,000, and another £600,000 to find herself a suitable house, plus a further £1.4 million invested in a trust fund for the future benefit of the couple's two children, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie.

The agreement, drawn up by Farrer and Company, the Queen's solicitors representing the duke, and the London law firm Withers, representing the duchess, is also understood to cover rights of access to the children. In view of the couple's assertion that they remain friends, that is unlikely to have given rise to much dispute. The duchess has, however, apparently lost all claim to the former family home at Sunninghill Park.

At the time of the separation it emerged that the Duke of York had expressed himself satisfied that John Bryan, a Texan who had come to Britain in 1987 and, with his friend and fellow-countryman Steve Wyatt had subsequently befriended the duchess, should act as her adviser in the separation negotiations.

Some months later the *Daily Mirror* published embarrassing photographs of Mr Bryan and a topless duchess cavorting by a pool in the south of France, in front of her children and two relaxing detectives. Before that, other photographs had come to light of the duchess on holiday with Mr Wyatt.

The People newspaper reported that last December Mr Bryan had sought £20,000 for a story related to the Yorks' marriage. He also reportedly was involved in arranging for the duchess to be portrayed by a fashion photographer. The editor of *Harpers and Queen*, which had commissioned the pictures, later said that she had become so irritated by Mr Bryan's demands that the venture was abandoned.

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Stars pay tribute to football's greatest gentleman

Final salute: under the stern eye of Sir Robert Peel and in the midst of poets, statesmen and generals, more than 2,000 people yesterday paid tribute to a sporting hero (Andrew Longmore writes). In memory of Bobby Moore, who died from cancer at the age of 51 four months ago, Westminster Abbey was as packed as Upton Park and Wembley for his greatest triumphs, and the attendance list read like an encyclopaedia of football. Among them were, above from left, Jimmy Greaves, George Best with his girl friend, Nobby Stiles and Bobby Charlton. In the choir stalls, Greaves and Ian St John sat next to Geoff Hurst. In front of them, Gordon Banks was flanked by Martin Peters and Roger Hunt. Almost every member of the 1966 World Cup squad was there apart from the manager, Sir Alf Ramsey. The present West Ham team, led by the manager Billy Bonds, had a transept to themselves and members of the youth team, where Moore began his professional career, lined the entrance to the abbey.

Franz Beckenbauer, who played in the 1966 World Cup final and later emulated Moore as the cool, calm captain of his country, read the first lesson from Ecclesiastes: "For everything its season, and for every activity under heaven its time." Michael Parkinson read a passage from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran.

Jimmy Tarbuck and Bobby Charlton gave the addresses. Tarbuck spoke of the "idol of idols"; Charlton of the great skills: "He had perfect balance, perfect timing and he thought quicker than anyone else."

During the opening hymn, members of Moore's family carried the decorations of his life to the sacrarium. One of his 108 England caps, his OBE, winner's medals from the 1964 FA Cup, the 1965 European Cup Winners' Cup and the 1966 World Cup, Moore's finest hour, which was also evoked by a snatch of commentary by Kenneth Wolstenholme.

Outside the abbey, a tourist asked a bystander: "What's all the fuss about?" "Oh, I see," she nodded, before returning to tell her husband. "It's all because of a footballer," she said, her voice betraying a note of confusion. But for most people, Moore was not just *a* footballer, he was *the* footballer.

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Knife-crazy mental patient was allowed back into the community

Wife seeks enquiry into killer's release

By Ian Murray

A WIDOW yesterday demanded a full public enquiry into how a knife-crazy paranoid schizophrenic, with a long history of violence, was released into the community with no supervised treatment three months before he stabbed her husband to death on a London Tube platform.

Defence lawyers at the Central Criminal Court trial backed her plea and have written to Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, complaining about "the deplorable lack of care of this young man in the community".

The killer, Christopher Clunis, 30, denied murder but pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Jonathan Zito, 27, an American musician, at Finsbury Park Tube station, north London, last December.

Accepting grounds of diminished responsibility, Mr Justice Blofeld said it was only with some hesitation that he ordered Clunis should be held at Rampton Hospital instead of sent to prison. "There will be no question of you being released while there is the remotest chance that you might be unwell," he told the defendant.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said Clunis was first diagnosed as schizophrenic in 1986 and had been involved in a number of "serious incidents involving knives and his apparent fascination with them". That had led him to be admitted frequently to mental institutions and then later discharged into the community.

In May last year, he had been arrested for stabbing a hostel inmate in the neck but the case was dropped in August when the victim failed to give evidence. Clunis had been released a month later, when doctors agreed he was fit to go back into the community.

He had killed Mr Zito by stabbing him in the eye as the musician stood talking to his brother on the crowded station platform. He then boarded a train showing no concern. When arrested he told police: "I want to go to prison so I can play all day."

Dr Nigel Eastman, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, said Clunis responded well to medication "in a controlled environment but as soon as he was released his condition would deteriorate again. Clunis himself did not understand anything was wrong and therefore stopped taking his medication.

"In my opinion, had he been cared for by forensic psychiatrists rather than general psychiatrists it is unlikely he would have been discharged into the community as he was," he said. "If he had got a place at Rampton Hospital it is very much less likely that this offence would have occurred. The reason he did not go there is that no bed was available at the time."

The court heard that Clunis was supposed to attend as a voluntary out-patient at Friern Barnet Hospital, but he failed to keep appointments there.

Before leaving court Clunis apologised to his victim's widow, Jayne Zito, 29. The couple had only been married for three months and Mrs Zito was unable to hold back her tears yesterday as she remembered "my gentle, gentle husband, who everybody loved."

"Somebody is responsible for murdering my Jon," said Mrs Zito, a rehabilitation manager for the mentally ill.

"I would like the government to understand that the changes they are making lead to destruction and fear and extreme loss, not only for me and my family, but for Christopher Clunis and his family and for all the people that are vulnerable."

Mrs Zito said she knew only too well the trauma suffered by patients who were unwillingly sent out into the community. "These people are very, very frightened and need help, but there is no one to give it. Someone has to take care of these people ... someone has to take responsibility."

Martin Taube, Clunis's solicitor, said after the hearing that he wanted to see a full enquiry by people outside the medical profession. "The psychiatric services in the country are in crisis. The level of care in the community is not what it should have been."

Zito: her husband of three months was killed

Clunis: apologised to his victim's widow

Medicine shops sell parts of rare bears

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

CUSTOMS officials are to investigate an illegal trade in the organs of endangered Asian bears after claims that bear gall bladders are on sale in Chinese medicine shops across the country.

An animal welfare group, which says it discovered the trade in an undercover operation in Soho, central London, said it highlighted the increasing exploitation of the animals which are now held in bear "battery" farms in China.

Richard Moore of the International Fund for Animal Welfare said yesterday that he had witnessed extreme cruelty in the Far East in the name of medicine including cats boiled alive to make an allegedly rejuvenating soup.

Members of the group, posing as tourists, filmed Asiatic black bears held in cramped cages on bear farms where they are milked for their bile, using surgically implanted taps. The bile, which Chinese medicine deems a cure for everything from piles to cancer, is brewed as a wine, which can cost over £1,000 a bottle.

Bear paw wine was also made at the Nan Ping bear farm in Zuhai and the group showed film of bears with paws missing. An estimated 8,000 bears are being farmed in China and the government has a goal of 40,000.

Yesterday about 80 MPs from all parties signed a Commons early-day motion urging the government to act over the trade and to put pressure on the Chinese government to end its support for bear farms. Under the Convention for the International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) it is illegal to import organs of the Asiatic black bear.

The British link with the trade was discovered after members of the animal welfare group found a shop in Soho selling bear bladders for £456. Another was bought mail order from Hong Kong for £250.

A spokesman for Customs and Excise said: "We would be delighted to look into any allegations. We are anxious to control any trade."

Court sells drink-drive man's car

By Paul Wilkinson

A JUDGE ordered the seizure and sale of a motorist's car yesterday after hearing how he deliberately drove at police cars during a chase, demolished a wall, struck a van and mounted the kerb while he was three times over the drink-drive limit.

In what is believed to be one of the first such actions under new motoring legislation, Judge Cotton told Stephen Mardell, 31, a joiner: "You won't have something to tempt you back onto the roads."

Mardell, from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, who admitted charges of dangerous driving, drink-driving and failing to stop after an accident, was also banned for three years, put on probation for two years and ordered to do 100 hours' community service.

His car, a six-year-old Rover worth £1,500, will be sold and the money paid into central court funds. Under the 1991 Road Traffic Act courts can deprive owners of vehicles if their driving was exceptionally bad.

York Crown Court was told Mardell had quarrelled with his wife. After a 14-hour day at work, he drank seven pints of beer before driving home. Police saw his car on the outskirts of Harrogate, weaving across the road.

Letters 'threatened terrorist violence'

By A Staff Reporter

A FAILED businessman tried to blackmail the Stock Exchange for £1 million by threatening terrorist violence only a month after the IRA City bomb that killed three people, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Christopher Robinson, 52, sent menacing letters to 19 leading British companies asking for donations to a bogus charity for victims of terrorism, it was claimed.

Robinson, of Hintlesham, Suffolk, who had personal and business debts of £30,000, invented a charity, Innocent Families, supposedly headed by a priest, said James Hines, for the prosecution.

In a police statement read in court, Peter Rawlins, then chief executive of the Stock Exchange, said: "My immediate impression was that the letter constituted a veiled, but explicit, extortion with heavy, threatening overtones."

When police raided Robinson's business, Desk Top Studio, they found fabricated faxes from the bogus priest, the jury heard. Robinson denies five counts of blackmail.

Donor is found for health dispute boy

By A Staff Reporter

A FULLY matching bone marrow donor has been found for Rhys Daniels, the two-year-old boy suffering from Batten's disease, a rare genetic disorder. Treatment is likely to take three months and is expected to start within the next fortnight.

A donor was found for Rhys, of Epping, Essex, last February by the Westminster Children's Hospital, but the operation could not proceed because the specialist unit had been closed.

The new donor has been found by the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, which took on the case after the boy's family started legal action against Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, for allowing the Westminster unit to shut.

Bone marrow treatment has never been tried for Batten's disease but specialists believe that it represents the only hope of preventing Rhys from dying by the time he is seven.

His five-year-old sister Charly is already suffering severe symptoms of the disease and is beyond medical help.

FO 'penalised viscount for doing the decent thing'

By Alan Hamilton

WHEN the Eton and Oxford-educated heir to an Irish peerage joined the British diplomatic service, he expected that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would want to employ his linguistic skills in Russian and French. Instead, he was sent to the embassy in Amman, Jordan, where they do not speak much of either.

He then found his job as second secretary already occupied by another diplomat. Assigned the post of information officer with responsibility for Iraqi-Jordanian relations, he found the task less than onerous. Feeling something of a misfit with little to do, he resigned and returned to London, only to be presented with a bill for £3,000 by his employers, the alleged cost of sending him and his family on an abortive mission. They claimed he had broken his contract.

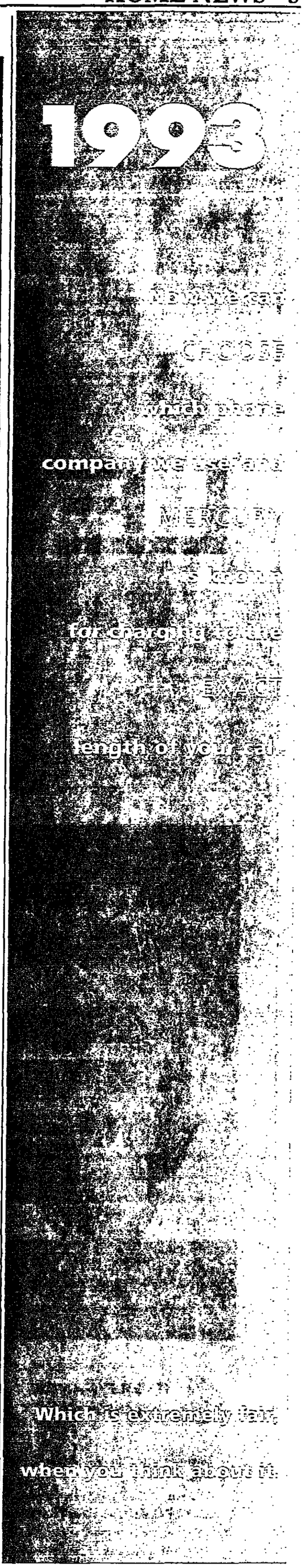
Viscount Glentworth, 30, heir to the Earl of Limerick, took his case before an industrial tribunal in Croydon, south London, yesterday, claiming he had been unfairly dismissed by the Foreign Office and had been forced to leave because he had nothing to do. He now works for a firm of international lawyers.

Lord Glentworth, who resigned his post last July after giving three months' notice, claimed he had languished for eight months in a non-existent job. Two months ago, he wrote an acerbic article for *The Spectator* accusing the diplomatic service of being obsessed with security, disliked by MPs and still believing the charade of having a global influence.

He told yesterday's hearing that he had joined the Foreign Office in 1987 after sitting his Bar finals and had immediately been placed in the diplomatic fast stream as a potential high-flyer. He had been attached to the French foreign ministry for three months and had served in the British embassy in Senegal where his fluency in French had proved useful. When a number of West African embassy posts were downgraded, he applied for a transfer. To his surprise, he was given the Middle East.

Lord Glentworth claimed he spent the eight months after arriving in Jordan in the virtually non-existent post of information officer. He said he had finally done the decent thing by resigning and saving the taxpayer a considerable sum of money.

Richard McManus, counsel for the Foreign Office, told the tribunal that Lord Glentworth had wanted out of the diplomatic service because his ambition had been to become an international lawyer after qualifying as a barrister. The hearing continues.



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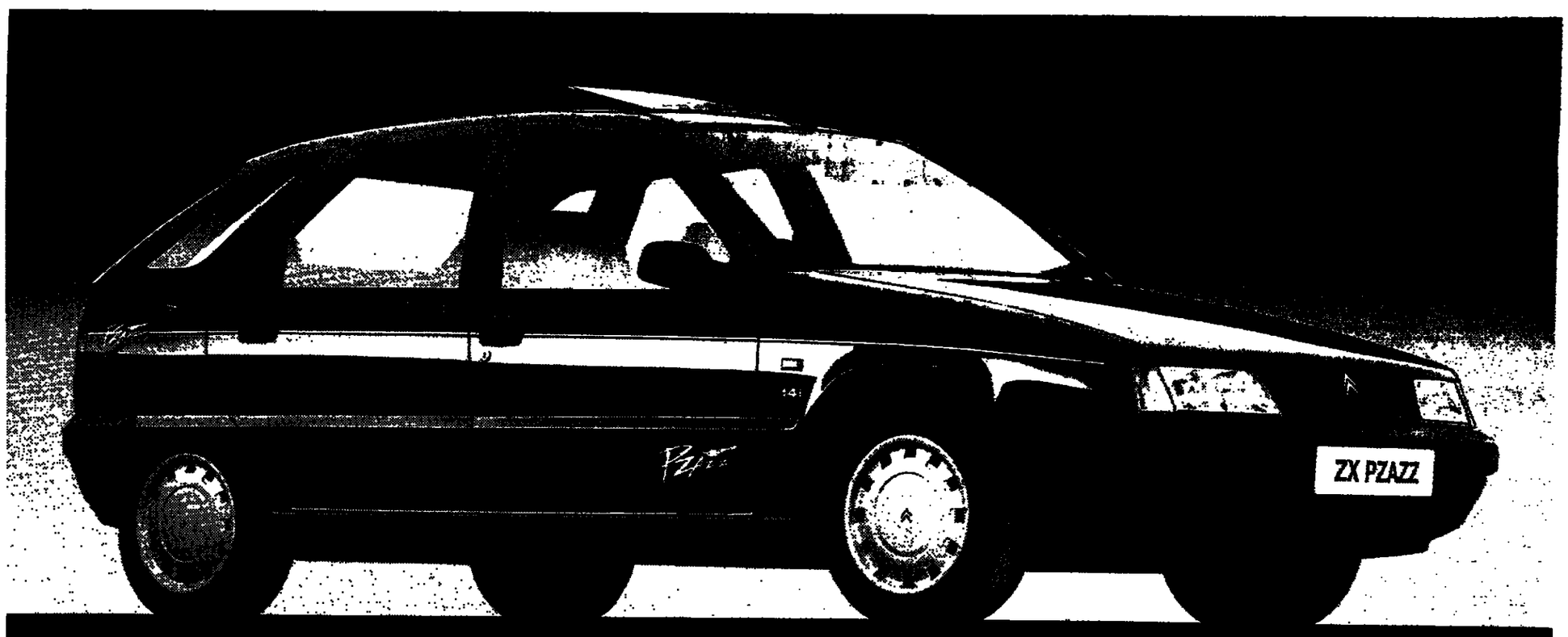

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Lord Chief Justice cuts 'manifestly grossly disproportionate' five-year prison term

Villagers hail cut jail terms for vigilantes

A community has pledged to look after the families of two men who threatened a youth until sentences have been served

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE news that two vigilantes who kidnapped and threatened a 17-year-old suspected thief had had their five-year jail sentences reduced to six months was greeted with elation by their fellow villagers yesterday.

Friends at the Swan Hotel in Harleston, Norfolk, applauded and cheered when the the Court of Appeal verdict was telephoned to the bar. A champagne party was held to celebrate the success of a campaign to have the sentences cut.

With remission, Duncan Bond, 35, a builder of Harleston, and Mark Chapman, 29, an engineer of Horham, Suffolk, could now be free in about nine weeks.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, described the original sentences imposed by Judge Birns at Norwich Crown Court on June 10 as "manifestly grossly disproportionate". But nothing except an immediate custodial sentence could be justified, he said.

"It may seem a trite observation, but it has to be said. A civilised society cannot tolerate individuals taking the law into their own hands," said Lord Taylor. The men's conduct was indefensible and, if not put down, would lead to "retaliation, feuds and fights, injustice and a breakdown in public order".

There had been a "great deal of clamour" and "representations in high places" about the original sentence. Clamour would not push an appeal to the top of the list, but in this case a judical decision had been taken that the substitute sentence might be so short that the appeal should be heard quickly.

At their trial, Bond and Chapman admitted kidnapping Gavin Last, of Dickleburgh, Norfolk, whom they suspected of involvement in thefts. They bundled him into a van, tied him up and threatened him with a knife.

At yesterday's hearing, Patrick O'Connor, for the two men, said they were ashamed of what they had done. "They do not seek to justify it. They recognise it was criminal conduct which deserves punishment, and they recognise you cannot seek to enforce the law by breaking it."

Mr Last had a criminal record, involving dishonesty, stealing cars, arson and blackmail, and had suffered minimal physical injury and no emotional trauma, he said.

After the hearing, Bond's wife, Glynne, said: "With remission and the time he has done already, he will be out in about nine weeks. It is still long enough, but we are happy he will be out sooner rather than later."

Nik Yandell, one of the organisers of the campaign for the men's release, said their supporters were disappointed, but in view of the legal arguments a reduction to six months was about the best they could have hoped for.

"I think we were all prepared for them to stay in prison," he said. "It would have been foolish to have banked on them coming out today. We will just have to rally round and see to it that their families are looked after until they are back with us."

A campaign colleague, Alison Neimis, said the case had stirred up a lot of feeling and they had received letters from all over the country, from old age pensioners and from children sending pocket money. "I had a gut feeling that Graham and Graham would not be let free immediately, but I wish they were here with us to celebrate."

ROBIN MAYES

Muted victory: Alison Niemus and Nik Yandell, who helped to organise the campaign for the men's release, said they were happy with the shorter sentence but would have liked to have seen them freed immediately

Boy's detention was 'appalling'

DEFENCE lawyers, the police and a Crown Court judge were blamed today for the "appalling disaster" that befell a schoolboy when he was wrongly jailed.

The Court of Appeal condemned Ivan Fergus's solicitors for "flagrant disregard" of their duty towards him and their "cavalier" handling of his case. The appeal judges referred their criticisms to the Law Society. Mr Fergus's barrister "fell markedly short of the standard to be expected" in neither asking the judge to withdraw the case from the jury nor calling alibi witnesses.

The judges were giving their reasons for declaring a week ago that Mr Fergus, now 16, of Peckham, southeast London, was "wholly innocent" of assaulting a bank clerk. Mr Fergus was sentenced to 15 months' youth custody at Inner London Crown Court in January last year and released on bail in July pending appeal.

The Court of Appeal said Judge Peter Rountree, who presided over the miscarriage of justice that resulted in Mr Fergus spending six months in a secure detention unit, should have withdrawn the case because the identification evidence was so weak. The judge's summing-up was "seriously flawed".

Ivan Fergus: wholly innocent of charges

Lewisham police did nothing to investigate Mr Fergus's alibi by interviewing his witnesses, despite prompting from the Crown Prosecution Service.

☐ An interim tribunal to investigate nine alleged miscarriages of justice should be set up without awaiting government action on the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, the law reform group Justice said (Frances Gibb writes). Justice said procedures "are so flawed" that urgent action was needed.

Judge's daughter jailed over drugs

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A JUDGE'S daughter was jailed for nine months yesterday after supplying drugs to an Oxford undergraduate who fell to his death from a window.

Georgia Griffiths, 21, a law graduate and daughter of Peter Griffiths, a barrister who sits for 12 weeks a year as a Crown Court recorder on the North Wales and Chester circuit, sold LSD to Oxford University students, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

She admitted supplying LSD and to possessing "speed" (amphetamine sulphate) with intent last December. Judge Tudor Evans told her: "These offences are so serious that despite your strong personal mitigating factors, a non-custodial sentence cannot be justified."

The court was told that Henry Skelton, 21, died from multiple injuries hours after his friends had purchased LSD from Griffiths.

An LSD square discovered in Mr Skelton's stomach was not one that Griffiths had supplied, but his blood showed that he had taken nine times the amount of the drug usually required for an effective "trip".

Paul Reid, for the prosecution, said Griffiths, who graduated with a 2:1 honours degree in law from St Edmund Hall, Oxford, sold three squares of acid for £10.50 to two students on the evening before Mr Skelton died.

Griffiths told police that she had started taking speed before her summer examinations and that she took drugs at rave parties on most weekends because they helped her to dance all night.

Richard Benson, for Griffiths, said: "She is devastated because of what she sees as the damage caused to her family."

Canadians 'were lured into siege'

A Canadian family was lured to Britain and held hostage by a man seeking access to his own children in Canada, a court was told yesterday.

Launceston magistrates heard that they travelled to Cornwall after Richard Guest, 61, advertised for a family to appear in a travel film. He barricaded the mother and two young daughters into his cottage at Week St Mary and put up protest banners.

The siege ended after police set up a phone link to his three children in Ontario. Mr Guest was remanded in custody until Monday accused of unlawful imprisonment.

Jailed for life

A former soldier whose wife divorced him after receiving a £500,000 inheritance was convicted at Winchester Crown Court of murdering her with a combat knife. William Duncan, 54, of no fixed address, was jailed for life.

Drug importer

Claire Bairstow, 23, of Leeds, daughter of David Bairstow, the former England cricketer, was jailed for two and a half years at Chelmsford Crown Court for importing cannabis.

Body found

The body of a man was found beneath bushes in the car park of Whalley Range Methodist Church in Manchester.

Crash death

One young man died and another was critically injured when a car believed to be stolen crashed into a lorry on the B421 in Buckinghamshire.

Nurse patrols

Nurses are to travel with police traffic patrols in Suffolk in an attempt to reduce deaths in road accidents.

Sweet salvation

Part of a man's severed ear was taken to hospital packed in ice cream after a brawl at a wedding reception in Southampton.

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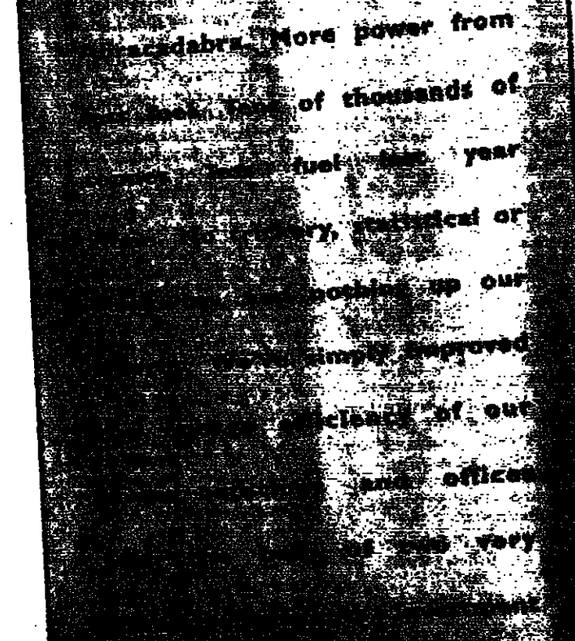

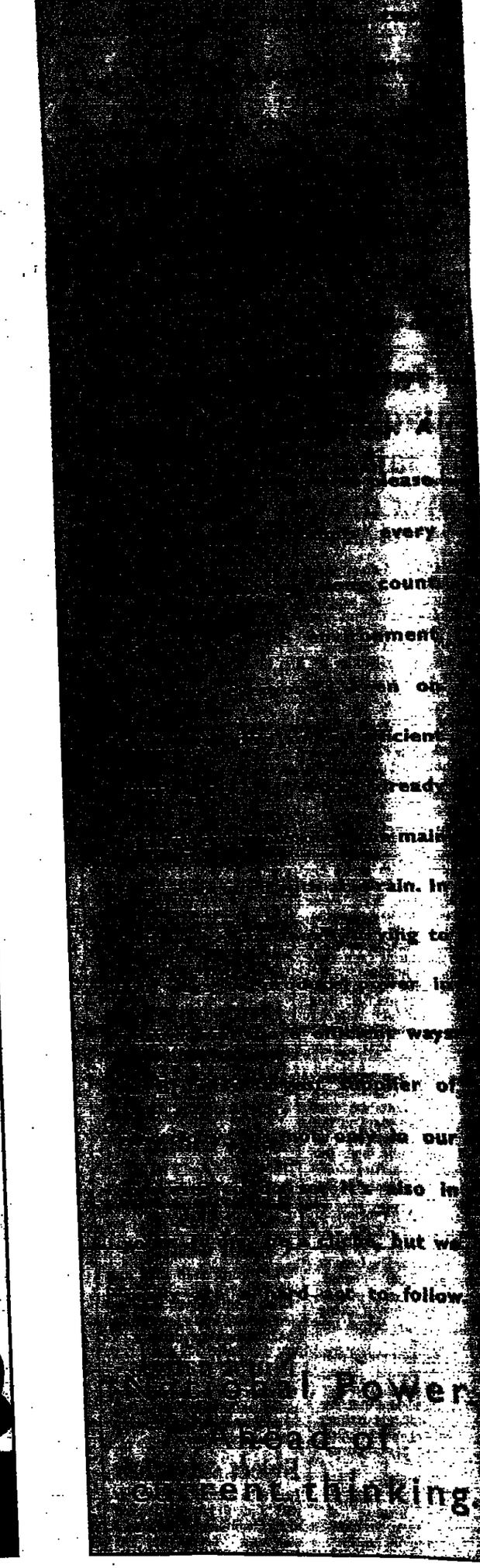

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Michael Horsnell reports on the rising tide of crime in two of Britain's most violent cities

Gun gangs rule the rat-runs of Moss Side

■ Manchester police are seeking tougher firearms legislation to give them a fighting chance against drug-running hoodlums

Andrea Mairs, a GCSE college student, should never have pulled back the bedroom curtains to see what was going on after hearing screeching tyres and the sound of gunshots in the street below.

As she and her mother peered through the dark at a gang of youths on a nearby corner one night last April, they were silhouetted at the window of their first-floor flat beside Manchester's notorious Moss Side tower blocks.

Andrea, now 19, saw up to half a dozen figures, one of whom was carrying an automatic rifle or machinegun, when she felt a sharp pain in her chest and cried to her mother, Eula, 40, an auxiliary nurse: "Mum, I've been hit".

The bullet passed straight through, missing her heart by less than an inch and bruising her lung before hitting the bedroom wall. Eight weeks after emergency surgery at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Miss Mairs, a student at Stockport College, is recovering from the ordeal which for a long time left her too frightened to venture out of her home. She said: "I am just about getting over it. I'm being counselled by a psychologist. At the end of the day, though, it's all up to me. But at least I've plucked up the courage to go out again."

Miss Mairs is one of the innocent victims of gang warfare in the mean streets of Moss Side, where two rival armed gangs fight for the right to distribute drugs.

"It didn't have to be me it happened to. It could have been a child who was killed. What's happening is totally out of hand and it's just disgraceful. The police have to take back control of the streets."

On the night she was wounded — less than four months after the cold-blooded shotgun murder of 14-year-old Benji Stanley as he queued for food in a takeaway shop — five homes were hit by indiscriminate gunfire. The people who live in them, including a couple with five children who had their front door holed and an elderly couple who cowered beneath the bed after their bedroom window was smashed, escaped injury.

They are in the front line of the battle between two gangs of black drugs dealers and their acolytes: the "Goochies", named after Gooch Close, and the "Doddies", after Dodington Close, who respectively control the west and east sides of the huge Alexandra Park housing estate, the most notorious in the area.

All of the 40 to 50 big dealers in Moss Side own or have access to weapons. It is a deprived area south of the city centre where £50 will buy a single-shot handgun and £300 a sub-machine gun. The gun crime epidemic has been fuelled in the past three years by the burgeoning illegal drugs industry, which accounts for 60 per cent of serious crime nationally. Any self-respecting dealer regards his firearm as a prerequisite of the trade, to be used without compunction to protect status and territory. Greater Manchester police report that, despite numerous initiatives, 321 crimes in their area involved the use of firearms in the first three months of this year, compared with 116 for the same period in 1988. Between 1988 and last year, the annual police log of threats or conspiracy went up from 18 to 140.

> 'Guns are for cult status, like wanting an XR3i and not an old Morris'

The Goochies wear red bandannas, the Doddies blue, and both gangs use children with mountain bikes as couriers to deliver heroin, crack and "ice" (an amphetamine-based version of crack) to customers.

Gun rule means that the 5,000 people of Alexandra Park are terrorised into turning a blind eye to drug deals conducted on their streets. In the Moss Side Leisure and Shopping Centre, delinquents stare unblinkingly and make a curiously menacing clicking sound with the tongue against the roof of their mouths at strangers who try to approach them.

Faced by a warren of rat-runs into which the hoodlums disappear the moment their radio scanners detect the imminent arrival of police, officers frequently find themselves at war with an unseen enemy.

In August 1991, 23 people were arrested under Operation Christ, "an undercover operation against the dealers, convicted and sentenced to up to five years imprisonment.

"But just you wait till some of that lot starts coming out at the end of the year, especially the Goochies," said "John", a commercial driver who is anxious to protect his anonymity. Pointing to Alexandra Road, he said: "There'll be gang war on the streets when they come back to work and try to sort out the boys who filled the vacuum."

Det Chief Supt David James, head of Greater Manchester CID, said: "Guns are possessed for cult status. It's like a youngster wanting an XR3i and not an old Morris. Similarly he wants a gun for the status. But more importantly, he is willing to use it."

Residents are not being shot at willy-nilly, but in an environment where criminals live and the drug market exists, shooting does occur in public places. Inevitably, innocent members of the public have become more vulnerable.

"But there are no no-go areas in Moss Side. It's not a ghetto. Gangs don't control territory against the police," Det Chief Supt James said. A steady supply of firearms to criminal fences was smuggled into Britain after the Falklands and Gulf wars, while an unquantifiable new wave has been brought about by the abolition of European trade barriers and the fall of the Berlin wall.

In a worrying new development, "police have evidence that registered firearms dealers are helping to fuel the epidemic of gun crime by selling weapons under the counter to criminals, to ward off the effects of declining legitimate sales caused by the recession and tougher shotgun regulations.

At least three cases in which legitimate retailers have allegedly gone "over the wall" are under investigation or awaiting trial. They involve charges of supplying and dealing in stolen weapons from pistols to sub-machine guns.

More than 70 per cent of illegally owned firearms in Manchester are held by criminals involved in drugs trafficking. Police seizures, which average two a week, range from small-calibre revolvers to Sten guns and AK47 assault rifles.

Det Chief Supt James said: "Firearms are a known currency, available within the fraternity. There are distributors, people who are fences in the criminal fraternity who will sell anything including firearms. With the reduction in European border controls, we are very concerned that the flow will increase.

"It's extremely difficult at the enforcement end to keep a grip on what's going on. Who knows what is in a container?"

A big headache for detectives has been interference with witnesses to crime in the community and routine intimidation, and a number of cases have been lost.

Greater Manchester police, which has an armed response vehicle on the streets 365 days a year, has set up a liaison unit to protect witnesses, making them inaccessible through relocation and even giving them a change of identity.

In a radical response to the proliferation of gun crime, Det Chief Supt James is preparing a submission to the Association of Chief Police Officers calling for tougher legislation or an amendment to the Firearms Acts which will recognise the offence of trafficking in firearms.

"With a mandatory prison sentence of five or ten years we may impact on the problem," he said. "As things stand, the punishment for illegal possession of a firearm, if police cannot prove a man is going to commit a criminal offence with it, is six months in prison and a fine up to £1,000 or both as a summary offence and, on indictment, up to three years or fine or both.

"The burden of proof as to why he is in possession of a firearm should be on the criminal, and the punishment should reflect the gravity of the offence and previous pertinent criminal convictions."

He points out, however, that police represent only one agency fighting the problems of Moss Side and that it is the community itself that needs to rid itself of its cancer.

Manchester City Council, in a move to break the criminals' stranglehold, has embarked on a £6.4 million lifeline to the Alexandra Park estate. Over a five-year period, hundreds of 1960s tower block walkways will be redesigned to cut off the drug dealers' rat-runs, traditional street patterns will be established, enclosed back gardens introduced and derelict properties demolished.

Claire Nangle, who lives on the estate and represents Moss Side on the council, said: "Alexandra Park is the most pressing problem in Moss Side. One of the main reasons crime flourishes is because of the physical layout of the estate. People can be scared to set foot outside their front door."

Ms Nangle, deputy chair of Manchester's housing committee, said: "The changes will make it more difficult to deal in drugs and we're hoping to give crime a bit of a bashing."

Fear and loathing: drugs are dealt openly in the walkways and rat-runs of Moss Side's notorious Alexandra Park estate

TOMORROW

The guns, the gang mothers and the gangbusters

Glasgow mayhem beats 'Godfather' plot

THE body of Paul Thorne has never been found, but it lies in a shallow grave hidden by a mattress somewhere on Fenwick Moor, south of Glasgow. It was to that bleak spot that Thorne, 26, a drugs courier from Bristol, was taken by his murderers. Forced to carry the shovel that was used to dig his grave, he trudged across the moor followed by three men until, at some preordained place, he was shot repeatedly in the back of the head.

The execution was carried out for no reason other than to satisfy the vanity of his chief assassin, to whom Thorne had just delivered £36,000 of heroin and cocaine.

After the delivery, Thorne was treated to a fish supper then lured to the moor by the Glasgow-born hardman John Paul McFadyen, 28, who liked to be known as "Tough Tony".

McFadyen, the leader of a notorious drugs gang with interests from the Midlands to Scotland, carried out the killing in 1988 in order to demonstrate to two lesser Glasgow villains that he was not frightened of murder. He received a life sentence at Glasgow High Court for the brutal shooting and 47 years on drugs charges after a witness turned Queen's evidence.

McFadyen pulled a 6in knife to escape from two prison guards on the M1 in February last year while being driven by private hire car to Wormwood Scrubs prison in London but was later recaptured.

Even in the annals of Glasgow crime, where policemen regularly uncover scripts to outdo a Mario Puzo novel, the savagery of the murder was exceptional.

Glasgow "godfather": Arthur Thompson snr

Three months ago, in another colourful tradition, the criminal fraternity gathered to honour the city's "godfather", Arthur Thompson. The avuncular Mr Thompson, 62, died from a heart attack after outliving more attempts on his life than the average cat expects to survive. He was buried in the family plot at Riddrie Cemetery beside his mother-in-law, Margaret Harrison, who was killed in a car bomb intended for him 27 years earlier, and his murdered son, the convicted heroin dealer Arthur "Fat Boy" Thompson jnr.

There are frequent reminders of the violent traditions these and other gangsters have bequeathed Glasgow. Last Thursday night, for example, a youth of 17 died after a shooting on a council estate in the Haghill area of east Glasgow in which three other people were wounded.

Could the incident mark a savage chapter of renewed gangland feuding as a criminal void is filled? What happened might be explained simply as the dark side of Glasgow reasserting itself against its freshly-painted image as the City of Culture. This, after all, is the city that spawned the ice cream war murders of the 1980s and, long before that, the infamous razor gangs.

Last week's murder came against a background in which 202 incidents investigated by Strathclyde police between the new year and May 31 involved the criminal use of firearms. More than 650 illegally-held firearms were seized last year through Operation Spur, a police intelligence operation, and more than 4,500 knives were surrendered under Operation Blade this year, provoking a drop in crime levels.

Despite these huge and successful high-profile operations, illegal firearms possession and the carrying of knives, remain part of the pattern of the city's subculture.

The late Arthur Thompson was a bedrock of that subculture. While gently denying his position as Glasgow's godfather, he never discouraged the sobriquet.

A number of criminal families continue to operate the standard big city rackets of prostitution, armed robbery, drug peddling, loan-sharking and the enforcement that goes with it — all on a territorialised estate-wide basis.

Organised mafia-style operators controlling city-wide criminal territories do not exist, according to senior police, and serious crime is often opportunist activity carried out by young hoodlums who may have hired a gun for the night in a pub for £100.

John Welsh, assistant chief constable for crime, said: "It's too early to say whether there is a vacuum left by Arthur Thompson or whether what he left behind was fiction. What we have in Glasgow are not big-time, city-wide criminals but career criminals."

Thompson snr liked to describe himself as a retired businessman who did not much understand his tough reputation. Throw in the names, however, of Glasgow hardmen Bobby Glover and Joe "Bananas" Hanlon, bitter rivals of Thompson jnr, who were shot only hours before "Fat Boy's" funeral and you are left with the finest of Puzo-style intrigues.

Thompson snr first came to light in the 1960s as an entrepreneur in the pubs and dance halls before moving into the car and scrap metal trade. After a car bomb went off in 1966 as he inspected the vehicle, killing his mother-in-law, he was at least twice again the intended victim of assassination.

In 1988 he booked himself a private hospital bed for what is understood to be the removal of a bullet from his groin, declining to report the incident to police and then maintaining he had been hurt by a drill bit which snapped.

In 1991, he refused to lodge a complaint after a car mounted the pavement and struck him from behind, reversing to repeat the incident before driving off at speed. His son, "Fat Boy", was sent to prison for 11 years in 1985 for the supply and possession of heroin and is understood to have continued dealing through associates by telephone. That may have been his downfall.

Planning to reassert control over his empire while on leave from open prison on pre-release parole training, he was hit by three bullets as he walked the few yards from his father's front door to his own.

Glasgow these days does not throw up such colourful characters or such headline-grabbing crimes.

Strathclyde's chief constable only yesterday announced a continuing decline in the city's crime figures. But, as the new gangs position themselves to fight for control of the drugs trade, it may not be long before a new generation of villains make their bloody mark and more men like Thorne are taken for a last walk on the moors.

Gangland gathering: Arthur Thompson foiled assassins and died of a heart attack

Picasso goes over the wall at prison

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

AN EXHIBITION featuring 31 of Picasso's most important etchings opens this week at Leyhill prison, Gloucestershire.

The 410 inmates, including up to 120 serving life sentences, will have access to the exhibition throughout next month. They are not, however, invited to a special viewing for magistrates.

They will also be kept separate from the public, including school and college groups, who will visit the exhibition in the visitors' hall at Leyhill, an open prison near Wotton-under-Edge. The etchings, which depict animals, insects and birds, accompanied *Histoire Naturelle*, the classic 18th century text by Georges Buffon.

Leyhill has a flourishing rehabilitation programme which includes in-house drama groups and art education classes. The exhibition, sponsored by BT, is part of the South Bank Centre's National Touring Exhibitions programme.

Sally Swift, deputy governor of Leyhill, said: "It is important that we show people in prison that there are cultural activities in life. It is just part of making life more normal for prisoners.

"The exhibition is primarily for the prisoners, but many members of the public who have no access to galleries will benefit too."

Some of the prisoners have been invited to the opening of the show, performed by the actor Leslie Grantham, who was released from Leyhill in the 1970s after serving 11 years for murder.

Gang beats car dealer

A CAR trader and his wife were dragged from their bed, assaulted and tied up with telephone wire by armed thieves who burst into their home in Addlestone, Surrey.

William Darvill, 53, was hit on the head and stabbed in the neck. His wife, Mary, was hit and cut as she tried to defend her husband.

The raiders broke in on Saturday night through a window of the couple's home, adjoining Mr Darvill's car business.

Police said yesterday that the Darvills were forced to hand over £7,000 in cash and jewellery. They described two of the thieves as in their late twenties, about 5ft 10ins and of athletic build. Both had strong Irish accents.

Fathers 'must teach children to be honest'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN and young adults must be taught how to be parents as part of a national campaign to prevent youngsters turning to crime, a report produced by two organisations recommends today.

The report, *Crime and the Family*, was produced by the Family Policy Studies Centre, an independent research organisation that analyses trends in the family, and Crime Concern, which is dedicated to crime prevention and runs projects throughout Britain.

The two bodies call for young people to be offered more help and support from health visitors on how to bring up children, together with subsidised courses teaching parental skills. Their report says more emphasis needs to be placed on the the role played by men in bringing up children and their influence on the raising of socially responsible adults.

"This is not merely because men so heavily outnumber women as known offenders, but because the role of fathers in raising pro-social, responsible children has been unjustly neglected," says the study.

Peter Bottomley, the Conservative MP for Eltham and husband of the health secretary, backed the proposals yesterday. "The programme would not be pulpit preaching," he said. "There are loads of gardening programmes telling us when to cut the wisteria, but only awful soaps offering any ideas about parenting."

The report reflects the growing interest being shown by the Labour party, local authorities and the Home Office in "criminal prevention". Evidence suggest that children brought up by a lone parent are more likely to be poor, do badly at school, have a drink or drugs problem and end up in jail.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said it was time to tackle the underlying long term causes of family disintegration: "We must meet the challenge now of preventing today's problem children becoming tomorrow's problem parents."

David Utting, a research fellow at the Family Policy Studies Centre, said: "It would be ridiculous to lay all the blame for rising crime at the feet of parents. But there is reason to believe that raising children has become a more difficult task which today's parents carry out in greater isolation from support that was once available from the extended family."

He added: "Whether we are talking about children living with two parents, one parent or in step-families, it is clear that affectionate parenting and consistent discipline helps protect against acquiring a criminal record."

The report calls for the government to concentrate its efforts on helping families of pre-adolescent children. It also seeks an extension of the care and advice offered to pregnant women to ensure they and their partners have continuing support, particularly in the area of child development. The report recommends more support for family centres offering activities including advice about money, credit unions, thrift shops and toy libraries.

☐ *Crime and the Family* (Family Policy Studies Centre, 231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE: £12.95)

A BLOCK of flats and the lives of its residents have been transformed by the provision of a neighbourhood centre offering a range of support facilities for young mothers and fathers.

The flats on the ground floor of one of three tower block at Hockwell Ring, Leagrave, Luton, Bedfordshire, have been converted to provide a community room, nursery, toilets and reception area.

A nursery school and "mums and tots" club operates five days a week and, once a week, there is a drop-in club for mothers and children and a lunch club.

A six-week basic child-care course has been held and a ten-week course for those who want to a certificate is planned.

Inside Lancaster Farms young offenders' institution, Lancashire, staff are also running parentcraft course for young men aged 17 to 21. The course includes talks on sexual behaviour, contraception and how to feed, bath and look after a baby.

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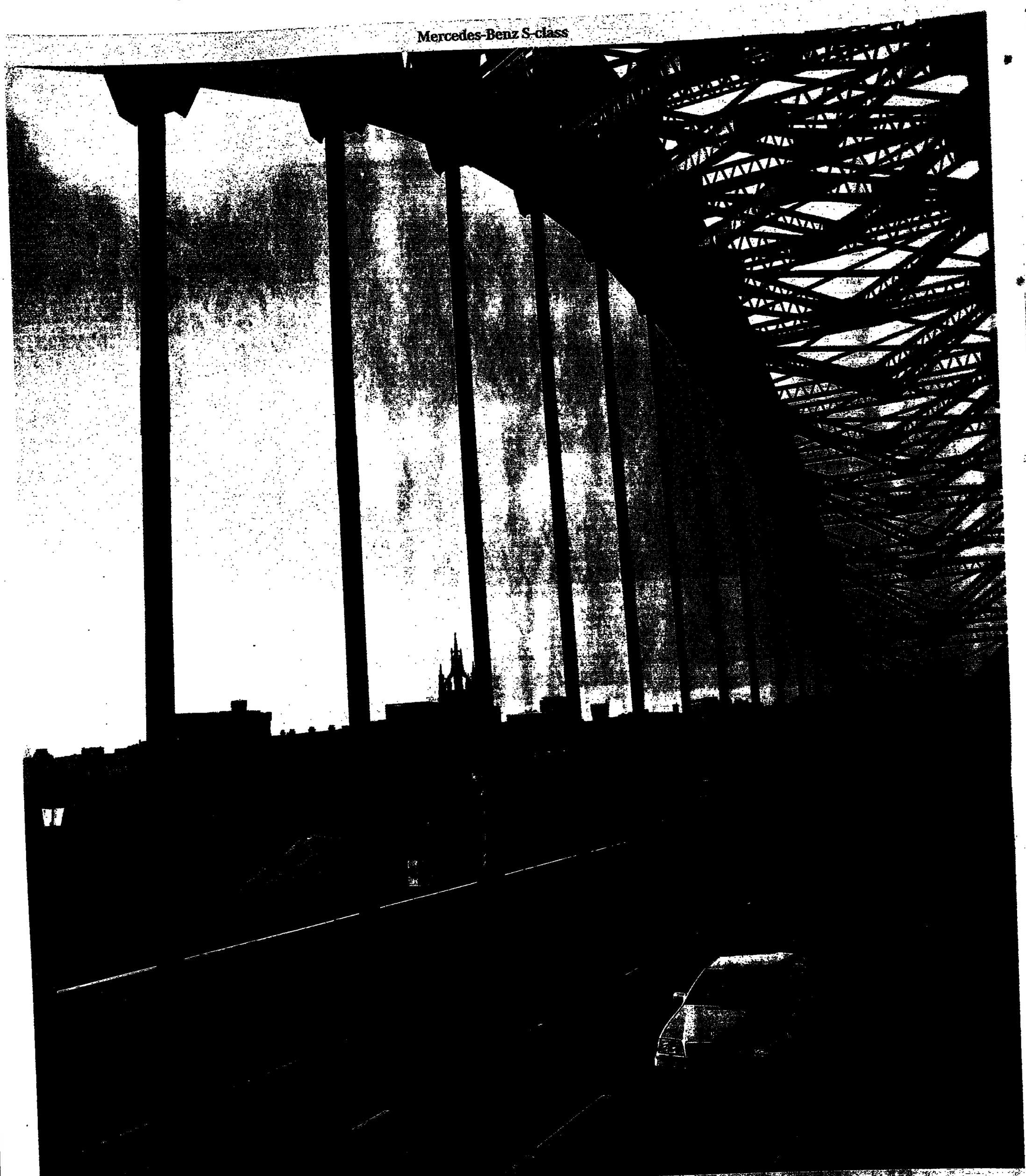

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Ray of hope breaks through for Brighton pier

STEPHEN MARKESON

Sunset years: Brighton's West Pier, one of Britain's most famous seaside landmarks, may be rescued and restored after decades of neglect (Louise Hidalgo writes). The West Pier Trust, its owners, is to launch a restoration fund later this year in an attempt to raise up to £30 million needed to stop the once-elegant structure crumbling into the sea. When it was declared unsafe and closed in 1970, 600 citizens of Brighton marched on the town hall to save it from demolition. Since then, the pier has lain derelict. After the 1987 storms, the middle section was dismantled, severing the foot of the pier, with its theatre, concert hall and ornate ironwork, from the mainland. Bryan Spielman, the trust's chairman, is optimistic that he can succeed, with Brighton council's scheme to revamp the resort's seafront as an added impetus. The pier, the only one in Britain to have grade I listing, stands a good chance of qualifying for money from the national lottery millennium fund. The European Community will be approached and a professional consultant has been appointed. "People must be made aware that what is under threat is an important part of a our national heritage and it will be essential to preserve its character as close to the original as possible," Mr Spielman said.

New controls will stop children using services

BT guards sex lines with secret codes

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PEOPLE who want to ring "adult" telephone lines will have to apply to BT for a secret code number. The ruling is designed to make the lines less accessible to children and to those who call them on other subscribers' telephones, often running up huge bills.

From next summer, BT will block direct access to its premium-rate 0898 numbers, which offer a variety of pornographic services. Callers will have to apply for a personal security "pin" number, to be dialled along with the telephone number, to gain access to the services. The charge of 48p a minute at peak times will be added to callers' quarterly bills.

BT already offers a barring service to customers connected to modern digital exchanges which stops 0898 numbers being called from their telephones. But there has been increasing concern at the misuse of the lines. Last year an office cleaner was jailed for two years for offences which included running up a £30,000 bill on an office phone with calls to adult lines.

A second measure, announced yesterday by Icstis, the premium-rate phone line industry's watchdog, aims to keep advertisements for the adult lines away from the eyes of minors and of adults who may be offended by them. From next January advertising will be permitted only in "top shelf" magazines.

Icstis, which is headed by Brenda Dean, the former print union leader, said that advertising the services in national newspapers or other widely available publications would be regarded as a breach of the industry's code of practice and liable to attract heavy fines and a temporary or permanent ban on the operator's services.

Premium-rate telephone lines are a £200-million-a-year industry, generating substantial revenues for BT, which takes 28p a minute of the call charges. About 330 million calls were made last year to an estimated 20,000 services, ranging from the adult lines to racing tips and employment agencies. Adult phone lines attract an estimated 700,000 calls a week.

BT emphasised yesterday that its plan to make calling more difficult would apply only to adult lines and that other premium-rate information services, which will be distinguished by a different dialling code, would continue to be freely accessible.

Some of the worst excesses of premium-rate phone lines were curbed last year when chatlines were banned after most of the companies operating them refused to contribute to a compensation fund.

Since then one of the main sources of complaint to the industry watchdog has been over premium-rate lines allegedly offering jobs. Icstis said yesterday that the unemployed often had to to listen to long and expensive introductions before getting the essential facts. Some lines claimed to offer jobs which did not exist. From August 1, the lines will have to state the type of work, likely earnings, number of vacancies and details of the provider of the service.

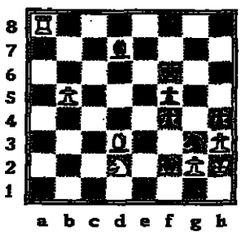
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

YESTERDAY I left the world champion, Garry Kasparov, in a desperate position in his game from the French Team Championship against the Hungarian grandmaster Josef Pinter. But could Pinter clinch the win? It is a game Nigel Short will certainly be studying before his world championship clash with Kasparov.

White: Josef Pinter
Black: Garry Kasparov
French League, Auxerre, 1993

Diagram for initial position



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58	Ra8		Be8
59	Ra4		Bd5
60	Ra1		Be4
61	Bf1		Kd6
62	Nf3		Kc5
63	Rc1+		Kb6
64	Bc4		Kc5
65	Bf1+		Kb6
66	Ne5		Bd4
67	Nd7+		Ka5
68	Rd1		Nd1+
69	Rxd1		Kxb5
70	Nf8		Kc4
71	Ng6		Bf6
72	Rd4		Bg5
73	Rf1		Kd3
74	g3		Ke2
75	Ra1		f4
76	Ra2+		Ke3
77	Ra3+		Kf2
78	gxf4		Bh6
79	Ra2+		Kf1
80	Ra1+		Kf2
81	Rg1		Bxg6
82	Rxg6		Bxf4+
83	Kh1		Bg3
84	Rg4		Kf1
85	Rg5		Kf2
86	Rf5+		Ke3
87	Kg2		Ke4
88	Rf7		Kd5
89	Re7		Kd6
90	Re2		Kd5
91	Kf3		Kd6
92	Kg4		Kd7
93	Kf5		Kd6
94	Re6		Kd7
95	Re6		Kc7
96	Ke4		Kd7
97	Kd5		Kc7
98	Re7+		Kb8
99	Rf7		Bh2
100	Rf2		Bg3
101	Rc2		Kb7
102	Rc6		Bf4
103	Kc5		Bg3
104	Kd5		Bf4
105	Rc2		Bg3
106	Ke6		Kb6
107	Kd7		Kb5
108	Rc6		Bh2
109	Rc2		Bg3
110	Ke6		Kb6
111	Kf5		Kb5
112	Ke4		Kb6
113	Kf3		Kb5
114	Kg4		Be1
115	Kg5		Bg3
116	Rc8		Be1
117	Rh8		Kc6

Draw agreed

Diagram for final position

After 12 hours continuous play, White finally gives up his attempt to beat the champion.

Readers' gambit

As part of the flood of games I have been sent by readers of *The Times*, Bruce Birchall, the Southern Counties Junior organiser, has drawn my attention to the following encounter from the recent County Championships.

White: Rebecca Larking (Surrey)
Black: Catherine Holmes (Kent)
SCCU Girls U-14 1993
Bird's Opening

1	f4	e6
2	g3	d5
3	Bg2	c5
4	c3	Nc6
5	Nh3	Nf6
6	Nf2	Be7
7	d3	0-0
8	e4	dxe4
9	Nxe4	Qb6
10	Qc2	e5
11	Be3	Ng4
12	Bg1	exd4
13	gxd4	Bh4+
14	Nf2	Re8+
15	Kf1	Ne3+

White resigns

Irish moves

The Irish Chess Championships will be held this year at the Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square, Dublin, July 10-18. For details, contact Michael Crowe, 26 Woodbine Close, Raheny, Dublin (telephone 01 847 6634).

Championship update

The Savoy Hotel and Simpsons-in-the-Strand, Britain's traditional home of chess, have devised a series of corporate and individual programmes combining fine dining and tickets for the championship. For information, call the Savoy Group priority line on 071 872 8080.

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Chess Briton shines in Canaries

BY IAN MURRAY

MICHAEL Adams, 21, chosen as player of the year by the British Chess Federation and the best British player after Nigel Short, showed impressive form during the Lark international tournament in Las Palmas over the weekend, beating several players ranked above him by Fide, the game's world governing body.

The ten players at the tournament included five from the top 20 in the world, while Adams is rated twenty-second. He won five of his last six games to score of five out of nine, coming fourth equal with Artur Yusupov of Germany. The tournament was won by an outsider, Ivan Morovic of Chile, who scored six.

In the national club championship finals played at Edgbaston over the weekend, Wood Green defeated Bristol and Clifton. The match was far closer than expected, with every game but one drawn. M. Levitt of Wood Green was the only winner but his victory was enough to give his club a 3½ to 2½ lead to take the title and the £1,000 prize.

The open plate was an even closer match, with Slough Lady Haig and Ilford tying with three points each, Slough getting the title on a board count. Southend-on-Sea were comfortable winners by four points to one over Southbourne in the major championship while Guildford trounced the RAF by 3½ to 1½ to take the major plate. Oxford University had an easy 3½ to 1½ win over Ipswich in the intermediate championship.

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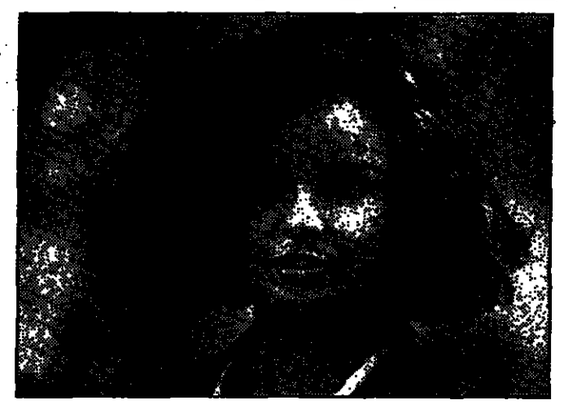

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Thorp to face new delay as Gummer seeks answers

BY NICK NUTTALL AND JONATHAN PRYNN

FURTHER delays to the start-up of Sellafield's Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (Thorp) were signalled by the government yesterday with an announcement that it would hold another round of consultation into its operation.

The decision, announced by John Gummer, the environment minister, is likely to be seen as a mixed victory for both critics and supporters of the plant. While the government also confirmed that it would not hold a public enquiry, which environmentalists have urged, yesterday's announcement falls short of giving Thorp full approval.

The delay is likely to dismay British Nuclear Fuels Limited, the plant's owner, which claims it is losing £2 million a week while Thorp is idle.

Yesterday Mr Gummer, responding to a written parliamentary question, said he was satisfied that radioactive emissions would pose no risk to human health, the environment or the food chain.

Mr Gummer said he and Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, had studied a report compiled by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution in response to the last consultation. "The inspectorates have concluded that no points of substance have been raised that should cause them to reconsider the terms of the draft authorisations save for some minor amendments or corrections," he said. "However a substantial number of the responses raised questions as to the justification of the operation of Thorp ... I propose that there should be a further round of consultation in which these questions can be considered."

The response came as the Liberal Democrats launched a debate calling for a public enquiry. Simon Hughes, the party's environment spokesman, said the government not only should set up a public enquiry, but could be required to by law. If it refused, the plant would be completed before the public knew what the full cost was likely to be. He called for exploration of the alternative "dry storage" method of dealing with nuclear waste.

In a speech dominated by attacks on opponents of Thorp, Tim Eggar, the energy minister, rejected a public enquiry, which he described as "a typical, classical cop-out". Mr Eggar said that no one should be under any illusion about the motivation of those opposed to Thorp. They wanted to destroy the nuclear industry.

Peter Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace, described Mr Gummer's announcement as "a further blow to Thorp and increases uncertainty over the future of the plant". Dr Pat Green of Friends of the Earth described the decision to hold a further consultation as a victory.

Further consultation is likely to examine the economics and politics of the plant which, according to Gordon MacKerron of the Science Policy Research Unit, have changed since Thorp was conceived. He said the Treasury was concerned about the decommissioning liabilities in the next century. "BNFL's own figures are that it will cost three-quarters of a billion pounds. That was at 1990 prices; the cost now is probably more like £900 billion." He said the £3 billion plant was expected to make a profit of £50 million a year.

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Heseltine 'will be back in cabinet'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday made it clear that he was confident Michael Heseltine would return to his cabinet post as soon as he was well enough. Downing Street moved swiftly to end speculation that a successor was being sought to replace Mr Heseltine as President of the Board of Trade because of his recent heart attack.

Mr Heseltine, 60, was continuing to make good progress yesterday, according to a bulletin from the Harley Street clinic where he has been since being flown back from Venice on Friday. It said that he took some gentle exercise over the weekend and the doctors were confident that he would make a good recovery.

Mr Heseltine has told friends that he is confident he will back at his desk before too long. One said he was in good form yesterday and sending notes to his colleagues.

At the routine Monday morning meeting of party chiefs Mr Major said that although some test results were still outstanding, Mr Heseltine seemed to be doing well.

Officials would not be drawn on timing although they said it was "doubtful" that he would be back before the summer recess. During his absence Tim Sainsbury, minister of state at the trade and industry department, will be taking on his duties.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: employment; prime minister. Criminal justice bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): European communities (amendment) bill, committee continued.

Tory MPs attack cuts in defence

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TORY backbench revolt is brewing over the scale and pace of the run-down of Britain's armed forces.

A group of Tory MPs said yesterday that service morale was at a historic low, that the forces had been left in limbo by the inadequacies of the Options for Change defence review, and that the strike and defensive capacity of the three forces had been severely blunted. Serious doubts have arisen over whether the armed forces are capable of carrying out their twin main roles: to fight intensive high technology wars and to contribute to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

With the Treasury embarking on the toughest spending round for 15 years, the attack on ministerial "myopia and short-termism" by a dozen Tory MPs from all shades of opinion within the party will be seen as a warning against further cuts. They say that the defence budget must not be a "passive milch cow" to be milked by other departments. They call for a sweeping review of defence and foreign policy to match resources to requirements.

A pamphlet from the group, which includes four cabinet-level parliamentary aides in Julian Brazier, Keith Mans, Ian Taylor and Graham Riddick, says that the world has become a more dangerous place since the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Across the globe, there are 26 major conflicts in progress, and nuclear weapons are spreading at an alarming rate. The group questions whether Britain could repulse nuclear blackmail from states such as Libya or Iraq, and asks whether new forms of defensive weaponry are required.

On spending, it points out that the defence budget has fallen from 5 per cent of GDP in the mid-80s to a projected 3.2 per cent in 1995. The result will be a 40 per cent drop in the strike capacity of the RAF and a halving of the tank force.

SIMON WALKER

Question of balance: Lord Justice Scott arriving for yesterday's sitting of his enquiry

Report on Iraq arms kept in cupboard

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A SECRET report warning that equipment exported to Iraq would be used to make arms was kept in a Foreign Office cupboard over Christmas, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

When Foreign Office officials finally appreciated the report's significance, they failed to make it clear to ministers that approval of the exports would breach the guidelines restricting exports of defence-related equipment to Iraq, the enquiry was told.

Giving evidence in the 11th week of the Scott enquiry's public hearings into the arms-to-Iraq affair, William Patey, a Foreign Office official, said that he was first notified in November 1987 by the security services that Iraq was buying machine tools from three British companies to manufacture munitions. A month later he realised the importance of the report and called an emergency meeting in January 1988 of the inter-departmental committee responsible for vetting the export licences.

Following discussions with defence and trade officials, Mr Patey recommended to ministers that licences granted to the three British companies should not be revoked, even though the equipment clearly breached arms export guidelines.

Major's press chief denies claims of rift

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GUS O'Donnell, the prime minister's press secretary, yesterday firmly denied reports that he wants to leave his job because of a growing rift between him and John Major.

Mr O'Donnell moved quickly to scotch the rumours which risked undermining the prime minister's authority and relations between the two men. He said "there was not a scrap of truth" in the reports which suggested that two men had disagreed over the handling of the resignations of David Mellor, Norman Lamont and Michael Mates.

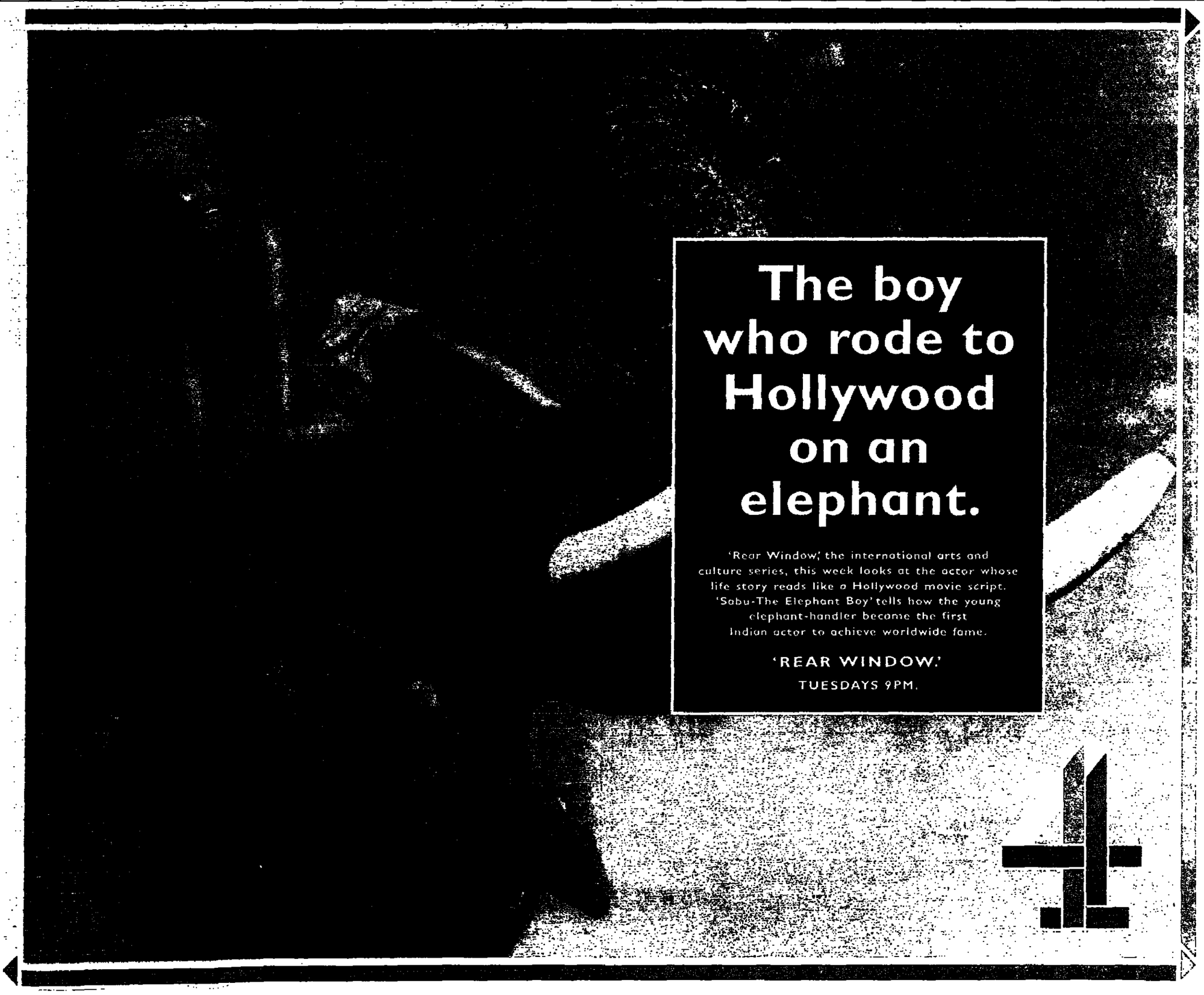
"I have worked very closely with the prime minister and I expect to do so for some time to come, in my present job," Mr O'Donnell said.

The only known area of disagreement between them is over football. Mr Major is a Chelsea supporter and Mr O'Donnell is a Manchester United fan. "The last time we had a serious rift was when Chelsea were playing Manchester United."

It is understood that the two men briefly discussed the press reports yesterday morning and laughed about it.

Last week Mr O'Donnell showed visible signs of anger at the treatment meted out to Mr Major by the press over the resignation of Mr Mates.

However, he has always made it clear that he does not intend to match the 11 years that his predecessor, Sir Bernard Ingham, spent working for Margaret Thatcher. He regards himself as a civil servant and sees no reason why his stay should be linked to the tenure of the prime minister.



Forces around country face tough new targets under plan to boost crime fight

Government to tighten control of policing

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE will be judged against national and local performance targets under proposals disclosed yesterday aimed at modernising the service and stepping up the fight against crime.

They will have to operate within limited budgets and be accountable to streamlined police authorities that will be responsible with chief constables for preparing local strategies.

A government white paper published yesterday says that national objectives could include improving detection rates, concentrating on problems such as street crime and encouraging police to work with local communities on crime prevention.

In an attempt to foster a greater partnership between the police and public, the number of special constables is to be increased from 20,000 to 30,000 by 1996.

But a planned representative authority to oversee the Metropolitan Police has been abandoned in favour of a small advisory body of Home Office appointees who will work closely with the home secretary and senior officers.

The government is to set annual objectives for the 43 forces in England and Wales with chief constables and police authorities judged on the results. Chief constables will have greater control over their budgets but central government funding will be limited under plans outlined to MPs.

The proposed changes herald a tightening of Whitehall control over the police in key areas and reflect concern in the Home Office at the efficiency and costs of policing. The government wants the proposals to from the centrepiece of a police bill in the next session of Parliament that will be dominated by legislation aimed at

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restoring the Tory party's image as the party of law and order

Although the white paper does not propose imminent amalgamations among the 43 forces in England and Wales, it proposes machinery to make mergers easier and outlines the government belief that the number of forces should be reduced.

Many forces are already devolving powers to local stations, which makes the need for complex headquarters bureaucracy increasingly unnecessary. The white paper says that mergers may be desirable in the long term but no action will be taken until other reforms have gone through.

Mr Howard's proposals were criticised by senior police officers as "creeping centralisation" and by local authority leaders as "a very bad day for local democracy". He is likely to face fierce opposition over his plan to streamline police authorities and appoint Home Office nominees as members.

The white paper, part of a package of changes including the Sheehy enquiry into police pay and rank structure, proposes the most far-reaching change for the police for 30 years. Michael Howard, the home secretary, said: "The police must be freed as far as possible from the burden of paperwork, so that they can concentrate on the key objectives of fighting crime and protecting the public." He added: "We are in the business of getting the best possible value for the huge amount of money we spend on the police. We have to make sure that money is effectively spent."

The plans to streamline police authorities and appoint some of their members was criticised by the Labour party, local authority leaders and the Association of Chief Police Officers. John Burrow, the association's president, said that while his members welcomed plans to given chief constables greater control of their budgets, they questioned the need to change the composition of police authorities. "To change the make-up of an authority and to reduce its size in the way proposed represents an unacceptable shift of power towards the centre," he said.

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, which represents rank-and-file officers, said the white paper struck a blow at local democracy.

The white paper also promises to strengthen the role of the Inspectors of Constabulary, who will for the first time also inspect the Metropolitan Police. Until now Britain's largest force has been exempt from formal inspection.

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SIMON WALKER

A policeman's lot: changing the shifts at Leman Street station in London yesterday, as the police white paper was unveiled

Compromise fails to satisfy councils

BY RICHARD FORD

THE sweeping changes in the composition and powers of police authorities are a compromise designed to answer critics who fear greater state control of the 43 forces in England and Wales.

Michael Howard, the new home secretary, helped shape the package after a battle in cabinet committee forced his predecessor, Kenneth Clarke, to scale down his proposals for greater central government funding and even fewer councillors on police authorities.

The scheme unveiled yesterday is an effort to set some national objectives for the police while preserving locally-based policing.

The government will publish annually key national aims for the police and each police authority will have a statutory obligation to consult the local community before setting local objectives.

Nevertheless the proposal to slim down police authorities has been opposed by organisations representing local authorities which see a diminution of their powers, and from chief constables worried about centralisation.

Sir John Wheeler, Conservative MP for Westminster North and former chairman of the home affairs select committee, dismissed the fears of many senior police officers. Sir John, appointed as a Northern Ireland minister last week, said: "The police is a centralised service and now has national and international functions. It has always been a myth that the police has been a locally managed and locally directed service. It has been a national service administered locally by a chief constable."

The local authorities see the changes as the latest in a series of government assaults on their powers. Clive Grenyer, of the Association of County Councils, said: "I think the government has come up with a classic central government answer. Local government is seen as the problem so they want to centralise everything".

Under the government's plan, the size of police authorities, some of which currently have more than 60 members, will be cut to 16. Instead of the present make-up of one-third magistrates and two-thirds local councillors electing their own chairman, the authorities will comprise eight local councillors, three magistrates and five Home Office appointed nominees. The home secretary will appoint and pay the chairman.

Local council leaders question whether smaller police authorities will be able to function effectively, especially in forces which cover a number of local authorities. Simon

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Day, leader of the Conservative group on the Association of County Councils, said: "Sixteen members might be all right for Warwickshire but not in Thames Valley which covers three counties or in some of the big metropolitan forces."

Many local councillors are worried that the plan for the Home Office to appoint its own nominees and the chairman of each authority will lead to Whitehall packing them with government and party favourites. "There must be accountability and trust with local communities. That is most important when things go wrong," Mr Day said.

The government believes that existing authorities lack people with the managerial skills needed to monitor police performance and that this will become a more important task when chief constables have greater power to decide how to spend their money. Sir John, an advocate of a national police force, said: "Police authorities should concern themselves with the management and efficiency of the forces and the effective use of resources".

Critics of the existing system say police authorities are too politicised. They are worried about attempts by some councillors to direct police in operational matters. However, apart from isolated cases there have been few disputes.

The centralising features of the government's plans, including the prescription of national objectives and the publication of league tables, has been balanced by giving chief constables more freedom on how to spend the money allocated to their forces.

At present a force that wants to build a new police station needs authority from Whitehall while the financing of local forces is linked to the number of uniformed officers recruited. In the new system chief constables will be able to choose between officers or equipment without seeking Home Office permission.

Howard keeps hold on Met

BY RICHARD FORD

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A PLAN to give London its first representative police authority since the creation of the Metropolitan Police in 1829 has been dropped amid fears that it would give too much influence to left-wing Labour MPs.

The home secretary will remain the police authority for the capital but an advisory body composed of Home Office nominees will be created to help Michael Howard and Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Commissioner.

Mr Howard also proposes that for the first time the Metropolitan Police will face formal inspection by the police inspectorate. The organisation, which at present carries out informal inspections, is to be changed by having civilian staff to work with senior police officers.

The white paper proposes that the advisory body will help the home secretary and senior police officers to set the budget, now running at £1.5 billion a year, and the priorities for policing London. The body will be composed of no more than 16 people appointed from outside the Home Office. It will be expected to approve and publish targets, monitor police performance and hold officers to account for shortcomings. The members will be expected to take into account the views of Londoners on their policing requirements.

Membership will be drawn from all walks of life and, according to one Whitehall source, local councillors will be neither "positively excluded nor positively included".

The government's change of mind about a police authority with a membership that would have included local councillors occurred after strong protests by Conservative MPs in London constituencies. They feared that left-wing Labour councillors would be able to exert too much influence, particularly over budgetary matters. Kenneth Clarke, the former home secretary, accepted their arguments, as has his successor.

Mr Howard told MPs yesterday: "The national interest in the work of the Metropolitan Police makes it right that the home secretary should remain the police authority for London."

The idea of a representative police authority has often been raised and would have been introduced if Labour had won the general election. In recent years the nearest Scotland Yard has come to an authority is increasing consultation with London councils.

Mr Condon is a strong supporter of a police authority for London, believing it to be a means of improving public confidence and providing a useful arena for discussion. The commissioner said in this month's issue of the Association of London Authorities newsletter that the concept of a police authority for London "has my full support".

Tory love turned sour as crime went up

BY RICHARD FORD

For most of Margaret Thatcher's years in office, the police and government enjoyed a cosy relationship. The police force was the only public service that her government lavished with praise, funds and manpower. The government gave it the money to tackle crime and in return hardly a word was heard from senior officers about putting the law and order debate into a wider social context.

While other public services were shaken up by Thatcherite reforms and squeezed by spending curbs, the police largely escaped her reforming zeal. Allowing for inflation, the police budget rose by more than 70 per cent and the Tories boasted at election time of providing 16,000 more uniformed officers since 1979 and 12,000 more civilian staff.

But, behind the rhetoric, Home Office officials were far from enamoured of the all-embracing love affair. By the mid-1980s officials were convinced of the need for greater value for money from the police and, as the decade ended, the government's ardour was clearly cooling.

In public the Tories spoke of the wonderful job being done, but in private there was criticism of overmanning and restrictive practices. The calibre of senior policemen was criticised and there were hints that the service could be reinvigorated by the recruitment of army officers. As the decade ended it was

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seen by some Tories as expensive — swallowing £5.4 billion in 1991-2 — and in need of modernising.

The reason for government disillusion is not difficult to find. In spite of the additional manpower and money, the party of law and order was seriously embarrassed by the seemingly relentless increase in recorded crimes, rising from 2.5 million in 1980 to 5.6 million last year. Home Office figures also show that the rate of offences cleared up fell from 38 per cent in 1981 to 29 per cent in 1991.

The resources tended to be measured, rightly or wrongly, against the crime rate and police efforts considered to be a costly failure. Although it is unfair to judge the effectiveness of the force on the basis of notoriously unreliable crime statistics, senior officers too often allowed MPs and the public to do just that.

Robert Reiner, professor of criminology at the London School of Economics, said the police had only themselves to blame for the changes being planned. "They have asked for it. Over many, many years they went happily along with the line that increased resources and pay would defeat crime. They collaborated with the government in its perception of law and order and were completely averse to any social analysis of crime."

As the Home Office began to demand value for money, the Audit Commission found problems with police management. The commission also questioned the idea that more police meant less crime.

High flyer clips wings of the big spenders

Sinclair: expects a frenetic summer

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LONDON

ONE of the Civil Service's female high flyers led the ten-strong Home Office team which prepared the white paper and will draft the legislation which will reform policing in Britain.

Carolyn Sinclair is credited by Whitehall observers with playing a pivotal role in persuading Margaret Thatcher in the late 1980s to take up green issues.

As a member of the Downing Street policy unit for three years she has also been responsible for work on legal reforms, agriculture and health and has briefed both Baroness Thatcher and John Major on home affairs.

Since she moved to the Home Office last year on secondment from the Treasury she has drawn a mixed response from her new colleagues. Regarded as a highly professional and effective Whitehall administrator she is also seen as yet another example of the influence of the Treasury across Whitehall and a representative of the campaign to cut costs.

"I came from an economic department. I believe there is always a trade-off," she said yesterday. "I would always be looking for a balance. Treasury experience dies hard."

Educated in Glasgow and in the United States, Miss Sinclair is married to another civil servant from the trade and industry department. Both are keen gardeners.

The Home Office white paper was her first, and she expects she will have little time for her garden during a "frenetic summer" as proposals in the white paper and the Sheehy report on police pay and conditions are used to form the bill that will reform police procedures and discipline.

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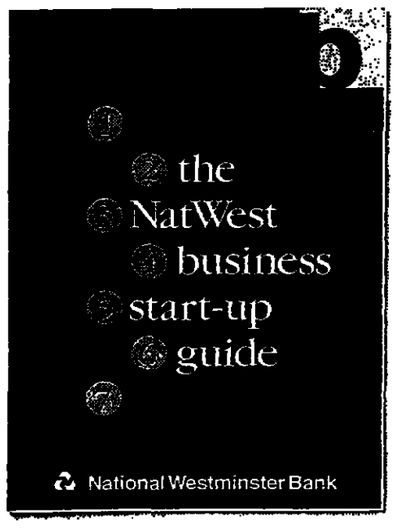

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Hesitant FBI tries to rid America of its turbulent shaikh

Reno: stopped arrest of Shaikh Abdel-Rahman

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

■ Despite mounting evidence of Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman's involvement in terrorist acts, justification for his arrest and deportation is being questioned in the US

FACED with their very own "turbulent priest", the FBI is wrestling with a problem that has been around at least since Henry II wondered aloud about who would rid him of Thomas Becket: how to deal with a man who clearly inspires a crime but may not actually carry it out.

Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, 55, has been linked with both the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York and the plot, foiled last week, to blow up the United Nations and FBI headquarters and commuter tunnels between Manhattan and New Jersey. The authorities are in little doubt that the blind Muslim cleric's fiery denunciations have incited terrorist activities in Egypt and in the United States. But is that sufficient reason to arrest or deport him?

The FBI has concluded that the shaikh knew details of the bombing plots reportedly aimed at assassinating Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, President Mubarak of Egypt and several New York politicians. But the authorities were prevented from arresting him last week by Janet Reno, the US attorney-general, on "legal and tactical grounds", according to a *New York Times* report yesterday.

The evidence against the shaikh is mounting daily. Yet, as one investigator said, it still remains too "fuzzy" to justify arresting him. Of the eight men arrested last Thursday on bombing charges, one is a close aide and several are followers of Shaikh Abdel-Rahman. Other followers, including the shaikh's chauffeur, face trial in September for the World Trade Centre bombing.

In the four-month investigation which led to last week's arrests, the FBI assembled evidence, through electronic monitoring and an informant, that the shaikh knew of the plot, but whether his role extended beyond spiritual guidance remains unclear. Two days before the eight suspects were rounded up, officials debated whether to arrest the shaikh as well. "It was not a clear decision," a police official said. Miss Reno ruled against it, but the shaikh's Jersey City flat was raided by armed FBI agents and 14 boxes of documents were confiscated.

Other factors appear to have influenced the decision not to arrest the shaikh. As the prime spiritual guide for Islamic fundamentalists in the United States, he is clearly a magnet for radicals and a useful focus for monitoring their activities. He is also a distinctive figure and unlikely to attempt to flee. Shaikh Abdel-Rahman is currently fighting a deportation order and has denied any involvement in terrorism.

But pressure for the shaikh's arrest, as the most obvious symbol of Islamic extremism, is mounting from both American politicians and a public disturbed by the scale of the latest plot. "This man has been tied to the assassinations of [Egyptian president] Anwar Sadat, [militant Rabbi] Meir Kahane and the bombing of the World Trade Centre and now this horrible plot to blow up the UN and city arteries," said Robert Abrams, the New York state attorney-general. "I think the US should stop pussyfooting around with this guy." Senator Alfonse D'Amato, one of the alleged targets of the plot, has also called for the shaikh's arrest.

The informant who penetrated the shaikh's inner circle and provided most of the evidence needed to arrest the eight suspects has been identified as Emad Ali Salem, a former Egyptian army officer, who acted as Shaikh Abdel-Rahman's translator and bodyguard while spying on him and his followers. Mr Salem, a burly, balding figure, is now believed to be in hiding with his family under FBI protection.

As the investigation into the plot widens, federal agents have turned their attention to a farm in the hills of Pennsylvania, which authorities suspect may have been used as a paramilitary training ground for suspects in both the World Trade Centre bombing and the latest conspiracy. The farm, which belongs Kelvin Smith, a self-styled survivalist and Muslim, was raided by the FBI at the weekend. The pond was dredged and the surrounding woods and farm buildings, including a rifle range, were searched for weapons and explosives. Mr Smith has denied knowingly training terrorists.

The FBI is also exploring links between one of the men arrested last week, Rodney Hampton-El, and a black Muslim group called Fuqra, which is suspected of carrying out 16 bombings and six murders since 1978. Mr Hampton-El, the only suspect born in the United States, is a long-time member of Fuqra, according to investigators.

UN accepts Clinton evidence that Iraq plotted to kill Bush

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IRAQ alone has challenged President Clinton's assertion that the evidence for a Baghdad attempt to assassinate George Bush, the former president, is "compelling". Iraq insists the entire plot was fabricated by the US and Kuwait to justify the weekend missile attack on the Iraqi capital.

Les Aspin, the US defence secretary, said the case was "airtight", and the missile strike was supported, with varying degrees of enthusiasm, by United Nations Security Council members. Nevertheless, Washington took the world by surprise in launching the strike before the end of the trial in Kuwait of the 13 Iraqi and three Kuwaiti conspirators allegedly behind the bomb plot.

It has, however, produced copious evidence to support its action. According to the White House, the 170lb bomb that was to be used in the attempted assassination of Mr Bush was built into the body panels of a Toyota Landcruiser smuggled into Kuwait on the night of April 13. The administration has produced photographs of the vehicle and the bomb's concealed wiring.

During Sunday's emergency meeting of the security council, Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador to the UN, said the bomb had been minutely examined by FBI forensic experts and she produced four more sets of greatly enlarged photographs. The first set showed the front of the bomb's radio-controlled firing system and the front of the firing system recovered from an earlier terrorist bomb of Iraqi origin. "Even an untrained eye can see that these are identical except for the serial numbers," she said.

The second set of photographs compared the insides of the two firing devices. The components and construction techniques were again identical, down to the soldering and wiring, Ms Albright insisted. The third set showed that both devices used very similiar circuit boards. The fourth set showed smaller "cube" bombs seized from the conspirators that contained the same integrated circuitry found in earlier Iraqi bombs.

The White House said the FBI and CIA had spent two months investigating the assassination attempt and were allowed independent access to all the suspects now on trial. The two alleged leaders, Raad al-Asadi and Wali al-Ghazali, had told the FBI that they were recruited in Basra by individuals associated with the Iraqi intelligence service and given the car bomb on April 12.

Mr Ghazali said he was recruited specifically to kill Mr Bush, while Mr Asadi said his job was to guide the car bomb to Kuwait University where Mr Bush was to appear. Ms Albright yesterday insisted there was "independent verification of the fact that there was no torture or any duress undertaken and that these people were confessing of their own volition".

Ms Albright claimed that classified intelligence sources had confirmed that the Iraqi government had ordered the attack on Mr Bush. She refused to elaborate.

In a statement, the White House said: "From all the evidence available to it, the CIA is highly confident that the Iraqi government, at the highest levels, directed its intelligence service to assassinate former President Bush during his visit to Kuwait April 14-16."

A summary of the investigation was presented to Mr Clinton last Wednesday. He received the formal report on Thursday. After a long meeting with top security advisers, he opted to strike against the Iraqi intelligence headquarters early on Sunday.

By Sunday night America was using the security council special meeting it had called to rally support for the missile attack. Sir David Hannay, the British ambassador to the UN, summed up the reaction of council members to Ms Albright's presentation, saying: "I think the council was appalled by the evidence put before it."

Sir David was unequivocal in his support of the US action, calling it "proper and proportionate" and "entirely justified". Jean-Bernard Mérimée, France's representative, was marginally less enthusiastic, saying that his government "fully understands the reaction of the United States". Similarly, Yoshio Hatano, the Japanese representative, said "there existed an unavoidable situation where the United States could not help but take the action it did".

By far the most negative response to Ms Albright came from China, which argued that all disputes should be mediated by the UN and said it would not support any action likely to intensify tension in the Middle East.

In an impassioned speech that followed that of Ms Albright, Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's ambassador to the UN, said the attack was "another act of aggression" based on a spurious conspiracy fabricated by Kuwait and the US. He said the security council must not allow its role to be usurped by America, and said the US government's justification, as presented to the security council, was "absurd" and would not be acceptable in any court of law.

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Pope cautious

Rome: The Vatican deplored yesterday the loss of innocent lives in the American missile raid on Baghdad and withheld its verdict on whether the attack was justified. Dr Joaquín Navarro-Valls, chief Vatican spokesman, told a news conference that the Holy See could not take a stand on the raid "because it does not know the causes that might have determined it". The Pope took a strongly anti-war stand throughout the Gulf crisis. *(Reuter)*

Wife of Briton praises jailers

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE wife of one of the Britons held in Baghdad has praised the Iraqis guarding her husband, while again denouncing the American administration for launching their weekend raid.

Julie Ride, whose husband, Paul, 33, was jailed for seven years in 1992 for allegedly entering Iraq illegally, said yesterday: "The Iraqis are very kind and humane people. When Paul had a kidney infection, it was dealt with quickly and efficiently. The same happened when he had ear problems."

Mrs Ride was speaking as Stephen Howarth, head of the Foreign Office consular department in London, visited the three British prisoners held for alleged illegal entry into Iraq. "We've been to the prison. We've seen the prisoners and they're fit and well," said Mr Howarth.

However, Britain's attempts to win the men's freedom appeared to be hindered yesterday, when Zaid Haidar, Iraq's ambassador to the European Community, said in Brussels that Britain's support for the American strike has delayed their release.

Mr Howarth arrived in the Iraqi capital on Sunday, just hours after the American cruise missile attack. However, Whitehall played down any suggestion that their man was caught unawares by the raid.

"The view is that the British prisoners are an entirely separate matter to the plot to assassinate George Bush," a government spokesman said. Mr Ride is being held with Michael Wainwright, 42, from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, who was last year jailed for 10 years, and Simon Dunn, 23, who was living in Kuwait when he was arrested. Mr Dunn was last month sentenced to eight years in prison.

George Robertson, the Labour foreign affairs spokesman, said that the raid on Baghdad would not help the Britons. "In as far as America can be seen to be acting outside a United Nations mandate, it will make it much more difficult for anyone in Iraq," he said.

"These people are being held illegally. I think Mr Major has rushed into blanket support for the Americans without thinking." Mrs Ride last saw her husband when she visited him in February, although she had a letter from him last week. "He is surviving," she said, "but what he really wants is his freedom.

"There is very little meat, so they eat tinned vegetables and fish. If Paul sends out a list to the Foreign Office, they try to get him food sent from Amman (the Jordanian capital)."

She was unable to speak to her husband by telephone but had not asked for him to have access to one because she could not afford the bills.

Family vigil: Julie, wife of jailed Paul Ride, with their son, William, is angry at the US attack on Baghdad, which she believes will now hinder attempts to win his release

Court told of plot to detonate car bomb

FROM REUTER IN KUWAIT CITY

AN IRAQI agent was ordered to detonate a car bomb in a Kuwait City street if he failed to use it to kill former President Bush, a security police officer testified yesterday.

The officer was testifying on the third day of a trial of 11 Iraqis and three Kuwaitis charged with involvement in the alleged plot, which Iraq says is a fabrication.

Two defendants, Raad al-Assadi, 33, and Wali Abdelhadi al-Ghazali, 36, have admitted involvement in a plot. The remainder have denied any part in it.

The police say most of the 14 drove across the frontier on April 12 in two vehicles, one of which was rigged with 127lb of explosives, carrying 13 cases of illicit whisky for sale in Kuwait as well as weapons and other explosives. They say they were on alert after a tip-off from "secret sources" in Iraq and arrested the group during Mr Bush's visit before they were able to put the alleged plan into action.

The officer told the court that Mr al-Ghazali had given Kuwaiti police interrogators details of his orders from Iraqi intelligence. "If you can't blow it up at Kuwait University, blow it up in Fahd al-Salem Street because that would give media momentum," he had claimed one of his superiors had said.

Mr Bush visited Kuwait Unversity to receive an award in honour of his role during the Gulf war that ended Iraq's 1990-91 occupation. In a last-minute change of plan, Mr Bush gave a speech in a small hall rather than in the planned larger campus venue.

In earlier evidence, Mr al-Ghazali said he had orders that, if he was unable to use the car bomb, he was to strap on an explosives-laden belt, try to get near the former president and then detonate the belt.

A van rigged with about 180lb of explosives was found when the group was arrested. Mr al-Ghazali's evidence has indicated that the motive for the alleged plot was retaliation for UN sanctions imposed after the Gulf war.

Allied aircraft protect Kurds from Saddam's revenge

BY ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN, British and French aircraft were patrolling the skies over northern and southern Iraq yesterday, on the look-out for any move by President Saddam Hussein to launch attacks on Kurdish or Shia communities in revenge for the US Tomahawk missile attack on Saturday night.

If Saddam decided to seek vengeance by taking it out on the communities which are protected by the air umbrella of allied aircraft, he would invite further retaliation. This time, however, the punishment would need to be a coalition operation, agreed between the Americans, Britain and France.

The cruise missile attack on the Iraqi intelligence headquarters was a unilateral mission by the Americans, although allies were consulted.

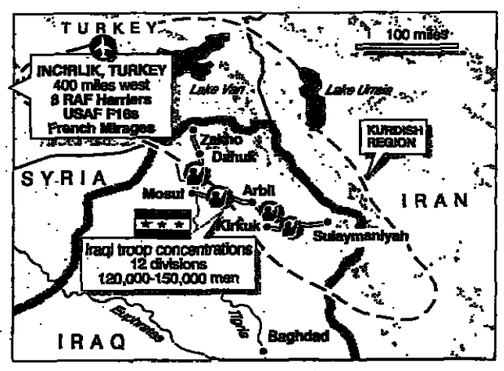
Britain has eight Harrier GR7s, based in Turkey, engaged in joint patrols with American F16s and French Mirage jets. The American carrier, USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, which was redeployed from the Adriatic to the Gulf, is also engaged in air patrols over Iraqi territory.

The Harriers, which replaced Tornados, are armed with both air defence Sidewinder missiles and free fall bombs for ground attack. The aircraft are highly versatile and are capable of low level attack sorties at night and in poor weather.

For the air patrols in southern Iraq, Britain has six Tornado GR1s which operate from Dhahran in Saudi Arabia. Were Saddam to inflict a revenge attack on his own people, the Kurds would seem to be the most likely target. The Iraqi leader has already ruthlessly punished the Kurds for their resistance to his rule by imposing an economic blockade, now in its third year.

Twelve divisions, about half the Iraqi army, are located in northern Iraq, facing the Kurdish zone. They have been there for about 18 months and have not been engaged in any large scale action in that time. However, Saddam is desperate to recover the territory and could launch an attack. If he did, he would have to calculate the likely allied response.

The ultimate defence of the self-declared Kurdish administration in the north of Iraq lies 300 miles away, at the Turkish air base in Incirlik. One of the final acts of an outgoing Turkish cabinet last week, was to renew the mandate for the allies' Operation Provide Comfort which patrols northern Iraqi air space north of the 36th parallel.



This has been a significant deterrent to Iraqi aggression. On the other hand it has not prevented the Iraqi intelligence service from mounting small operations that damage both the Kurdish economy and Kurdish morale.

These include burning Kurdish crops, planting car bombs in Arbil, and assassinating foreign aid workers. Such offences were among those catalogued by Les Aspen, the US defence secretary, when he gave additional justification for the weekend's cruise missile attack on Baghdad.

Saddam's economic blockade, moreover, is effective. Some Kurdish leaders would rather Western cash was spent on buying up the grain now being harvested in the Kurdish north. Much of the flour needed to feed the Kurdish population this winter will find its way into the Baghdad-controlled area.

Only too aware of their dependence on Turkish and Western goodwill, Iraqi Kurds have set out to distance themselves from the actions of PKK Turkish Kurdish activists who occupied Turkish diplomatic and tourist offices in Europe. On Sunday, state parliament buildings in Sydney and Melbourne were targeted by Kurdish militants.

Kurdish leaders would, on average, prefer to see the money used on the smart bombs that made their way to Iraqi intelligence headquarters, spent instead to buy up the grain even now being harvested in the Kurdish north.

Without some £7 million, most of the flour that would otherwise feed the Kurdish population this winter will slip away into the government controlled area.

Given their dependence on Turkish good will, Iraqi Kurds have set out to distance themselves from the actions of Turkish Kurdish activists who occupied Turkish diplomatic and tourist offices in Europe and, only yesterday, the United Nations and state parliament buildings in Sydney and Melbourne respectively.

The Iraqi National Congress which opposes Saddam Hussein, also issued a statement describing the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) as being promoted by Saddam with the object of engaging in terrorism.

Germany has been left in no doubt that the best way to repair the damage of recent racist attacks against Turkish workers would be to shut down PKK political offices, and extradite Kurds who are Turkish citizens back home.

The Turkish authorities, in the wake of three bomb attacks in the southern resort of Antalya, were yesterday balancing the damage to a tourism industry worth £2.7 billion in 1992 against hopes that this time the PKK will have finally alienated European pubic opinion as well.

Although nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the bombings on Sunday night, few doubt that the PKK has at last carried out a threat to extend its campaign from the largely Kurdish southeast of Turkey to the cities further west.

The devices, gunpowder on a short fuse packed with buckshot, appear to have been designed to attract publicity rather than cause casualties. A three-year-old Turkish boy appears to have been the worst hurt among the 23 injured, which also include 12 foreign tourists.

Such events are trivial when compared with the bloody standards of the Turkish southeast.

Since last Friday alone, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency has listed the deaths of 10 civilians, six soldiers and 28 PKK militants in separatist-related violence.

Security has been stepped up security through the coastal resorts which are only just recovering from the slump in tourism created by the Gulf War. Of the 7 million foreigners to visit Turkey last year in 1992, 315,000 were from Britain, a 50 per cent jump on the previous year.

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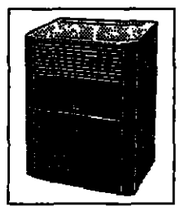

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Weakened Paris-Bonn axis thwarts greater European unity

Attali: Maastricht is "last treaty of the Cold War"

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ A fabled 30-year bilateral relationship is crumbling because of its failure to adapt to the end of the Cold War. France and Germany increasingly find little to agree on

BEFORE the Copenhagen summit of European Community leaders an influential foreign policy maker briefed journalists in Bonn about Germany's broad line of attack. It was an entirely routine occasion, except that France was portrayed as a "problem" on key issues rather than as part of the solution.

The mood of the Franco-German relationship, once the pulse of the Community, has changed. Now Germans are beginning to wonder whether this fabled axis, which has produced such notable double acts as Konrad Adenauer and Charles de Gaulle, Helmut Schmidt and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, amounts to more than the sum of its irritations.

The respected commentator Lothar Ruehl (a francophile former minister with no axe to grind) complained publicly yesterday about the lack of energy and direction in the Franco-German relationship. "Agreement on common political goals towards the rest of Europe, towards Russia in particular, agreement about how to end the Balkans war before it directly influences the European Community, agreement about the trading conditions with North America and Japan, about the future relationship with the United States within Nato — all this cannot be postponed any longer. And only France and Germany can set the necessary serious, attainable common goals for such a foreign and security policy."

Yet on these, and other, issues France and Germany have been drifting apart. The old relationship has not adapted sufficiently to the collapse of communism and the unification of Germany. Jacques Attali, the former banker and intimate of President Mitterrand, recently presented Maastricht as "the last treaty of the Cold War". Increasingly the Franco-German axis, as it was originally conceived 30 years ago, is beginning to look like a relic of those times.

The weakness of the EC has become the weakness of the Paris-Bonn axis and vice versa. "France and Germany have not contributed sufficiently to a conceptual enrichment, above all because they could not co-ordinate their own national interests in international crises," Herr Ruehl said. "These shortcomings have crippled any real step towards European union."

The new French government has contributed partly to the impasse: the Franco-German marriage abhors change. Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, abruptly cancelled routine talks with Edmond Alphandéry, his French counterpart, after he suggested that the Bundesbank should move more quickly to relax its "unduly restrictive" monetary policy. M Alphandéry said: "Today the franc can support itself, better perhaps than the deutschmark." Herr Waigel replied that Germany could take care of its own monetary policy and there was no plan for collaborative reductions in interest rates.

It is the tone rather than the substance of these exchanges that is important. The French were said to be furious about the Germans striking a separate deal with the United States on telecommunications contracts. The Germans in turn were "highly irritated" by French suggestions that Bonn, in forcing the early recognition of Croatian independence, was responsible for Europe's diplomatic failures in the Balkans.

The French were being "unusually stubborn" on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in particular and free trade in general. The Germans were "ham-fisted" in the way that they pleaded at Copenhagen for arming the Bosnian Muslims.

All these attributed emotions emerged from informal and anonymous briefings by the bureaucratic equivalent of snipers. When it comes to meetings between Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and the French president, there is little trace of the animosity. But that merely underlines the hollowness of the relationship that is increasingly governed by small politeness at the top and by trench warfare down below.

There is, however, no intelligent alternative to the Franco-German friendship for Herr Kohl. Talk of a German-American axis is disparaged in Bonn, relations with Washington are as brittle as they always are when a new administration takes over. France is still pivotal, yet neither the French nor the German leaders seem able to address the problem of how to revive an old friendship that was supposed to end an even older enmity.

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Serb-Croat allies tighten the noose around Muslims

BY TOM RHODES IN VITEZ AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE diplomacy of Geneva failed yesterday to impress warring factions in central Bosnia where widespread fighting took place in the Maglaj finger, a salient of land which until this week had remained a symbol of benign unity between Croat and Muslim forces.

In a further twist to the Balkan war, it appeared that, even as seven members of the Bosnian presidency sat down for more discussions in Geneva, Serb and Croat forces were making their own deals on the ground, leaving the Muslims under pressure at every level.

Fighting intensified as Bosnian Serb and Croat leaders in Geneva stepped up pressure on the republic's Muslim-led government to accept a division of the country into a loose three-part confederation.

The collective presidency is expected to meet today in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. Franjo Boras, who is heading the seven-member presidency delegation in Geneva, said the meeting would be held at the request of President Izetbegovic, who is boycotting the Geneva dialogue.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, warned the Muslims that Bosnia would be divided into only two parts if they did not negotiate on the Serb-Croat plan to divide the republic along ethnic lines. "I call on the Muslims again to take part in talks on demarcation with Serbs and Croats so that the war can be ended immediately," Dr Karadzic told the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug. The Bosnian Serb leader later held talks in Geneva with the republic's Croat chief, Mate Boban.

As the fighting flared in Bosnia, the town of Zepce, between Zenica and Maglaj, was said to be receiving an average of three heavy artillery rounds a minute as the Armija, the Bosnian Muslim army, launched a counter-offensive against the HVO, the Bosnian Croat militia. Maglaj itself and Zavidovici were among other flashpoints caught in the grip of this latest ethnic strife.

Although United Nations military observers and EC monitors have been refused access to front line zones, it is possible to see and hear the heavy gunfire taking its toll on Zepce from a range of three kilometres to the south of the town on the Muslim-held road to Zenica. Suad Hassanovic, commander of the Bosnian 303 Brigade based in Zenica, said there had been severe civilian and military casualties in the last three days of fighting. He was adamant yesterday that Serb artillery was now being co-ordinated by the HVO.

If true, this adds an entirely new dimension to the conflict. In the past the Serbs have often shelled tense areas as a catalyst to intensify fighting between Muslim and Croat, but until the partition initiative under discussion in Geneva there had been no suggestion that the Croats and Serbs were operating a joint strategy against the Muslim brigade.

Evidence of such a deal remains largely unsubstantiated, but there are indications that, as President Izetbegovic is being frozen out of the Geneva talks, the army, which remains loyal to him, is facing the same process at home.

The Tanjug agency reported two days ago that the Bosnian Serbs and Croats had brokered a ceasefire along the Neretva river, flowing directly beside the strategic supply route between Mostar and Konjic. Commanders along the Neretva have said they will not take up arms against each other again, but instead will concentrate on the Muslim forces of central Bosnia.

In Travnik, headquarters of the Muslim 17th Brigade, many of the refugee soldiers say the Serbs who command the Vlasic feature above the town have made similar deals with the HVO. They brandish papers which, they say, prove beyond doubt the collusion of the two former enemy factions. As with so much else in central Bosnia, however, it is impossible to say whether the papers are real or fabricated.

Geneva and the talk of double standards from their ambassador to the UN over the US bombing of Baghdad is of little consequence to fighters or civilians in Bosnia. All sides long ago recognised the West would not intervene and whatever may be agreed in Geneva is irrelevant to many who have lost their families and homes in the war.

Today's planned meeting of the Bosnian presidency is expected to be held at Sarajevo airport, since the seven members who have been in Geneva are unlikely to enter the capital for safety reasons. The seven include three Serbs, three Croats and one Muslim, Fikret Abdic, a businessman from the northwestern Bihac pocket of Bosnia. Mr Abdic is seen as the main rival of Mr Izetbegovic and is reported to have said he feared assassination in Sarajevo. Mr Izetbegovic meanwhile called for Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg to attend the Geneva meeting.

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General named

Brussels: Belgium designated Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, 57, yesterday to succeed General Philippe Morillon, of France, as commander of the United Nations troops in Bosnia. The defence ministry did not say when a UN decision on the nomination was expected. General Briquemont will become commander of Belgium's First Army Corps today. The post includes command of Belgian troops in Germany and involves leading 30,000 servicemen; Belgium's army has a total of 80,000 soldiers. *(Reuter)*

Over the line: a Bosnian Serb soldier crosses a barbed-wire fence during fighting in Teocak, about 20 miles from Tuzla, a Muslim town in northeast Bosnia

Russia issues threat to Estonia

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

ANDREI Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, said yesterday that the country would stop all oil and gas deliveries to Estonia if the republic continued "apartheid and ethnic cleansing" against its Russian minority population of 600,000 in a total of 1.6 million.

Tass, however, reported him as saying that the Kremlin had been encouraged by the decision of President Meri of Estonia not to ratify the new citizenship law. It is this that has brought the Baltic state into conflict with Russia.

Russia halted gas supplies to Estonia on Friday, saying the republic had not paid its bills. Moscow yesterday gave the same reason for cutting supplies to Lithuania on Sunday, saying the republic owed $40 million (£27 million).

Estonia's gas was cut off just four days after it adopted the new citizenship law, which Moscow says discriminates against Russians living there. But Tass quoted Mr Kozyrev as saying: "If the situation improves, not only will economic sanctions be lifted, but all conditions will be created for a full-scale partnership."

If Estonia continued along the path of "apartheid and ethnic cleansing in kid gloves", however, then the introduction of sanctions affecting oil, gas and other deliveries would be inevitable, he added.

Bosnians unite to get ball in the net

BY ROGER BOYES

International sport has long been regarded as a substitute for war. Rarely, however, has a basketball team been viewed as a substitute for a state.

While Western politicians and negotiators, Serbs and Croats and even a large chunk of the Sarajevo leadership are coming to terms with a three-way partition of Bosnia, the country's basketballers are playing under the old model of religious and ethnic tolerance. The ethnic composition of the team — seven Muslims, two Croats and two Serbs — would probably not satisfy Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, but it is probably the last surviving institution of the original mixed republic.

In the Karlsruhe sports hall the Bosnians have been contesting the interim round of the European basketball championships. The other day they beat Sweden. "It was a battle for life out there," said Emir Mustapcic, the team captain, and he was not talking in the inflated rhetoric of sportsmen. The victory bought the Bosnian team another five days away from Sarajevo.

The war dominates every one of their games. Sabaha Bilalovic, who normally plays in the Israeli professional league, said: "We play a good 20 minutes, then our concentration slips — we're thinking of war."

The players have not trained together for months. Some have been fighting with the Bosnian Muslim forces. Samir Avdic, a soldier for 15 months, said: "In a city were 20,000 have died and 80,000 have been crippled, you can't think about basketball."

Six Bosnians play in the Croatian professional leagues. They have double Bosnian and Croatian citizenship and were told that, if they played abroad for Bosnia, they would have to be regarded as foreigners. That would automatically bar them from playing in Croatia.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guerrillas fire on train in Turkey

Ankara: Kurdish guerrillas fired on a passenger train and wounded six people, including two women and a child, yesterday, a day after a bombing at a Mediterranean resort hotel injured at least 26, including 12 tourists.

In other attacks, the Anatolian news agency said, ten Kurdish guerrillas and eight soldiers or paramilitary police have been killed in clashes in southeast and eastern Turkey in the past two days.

The attack on the train took place in southeastern Bingol province, and the assailants in all the attacks were from the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, the agency said. *(AP, Reuter)*

German attacks

Wegberg, Germany: A Moroccan woman was seriously injured in a fire in the western German town of Wegberg and a Japanese tourist was beaten in Berlin in suspected racist attacks. Three men were being questioned about the second incident. *(AFP)*

Pilot erred

Kathmandu: The crash of a Pakistan International Airlines Airbus into a mountainside here last year, killing 167 people, was due to pilot error, an enquiry said. One of the pilots had failed to follow approach rules. *(AFP)*

Trial delayed

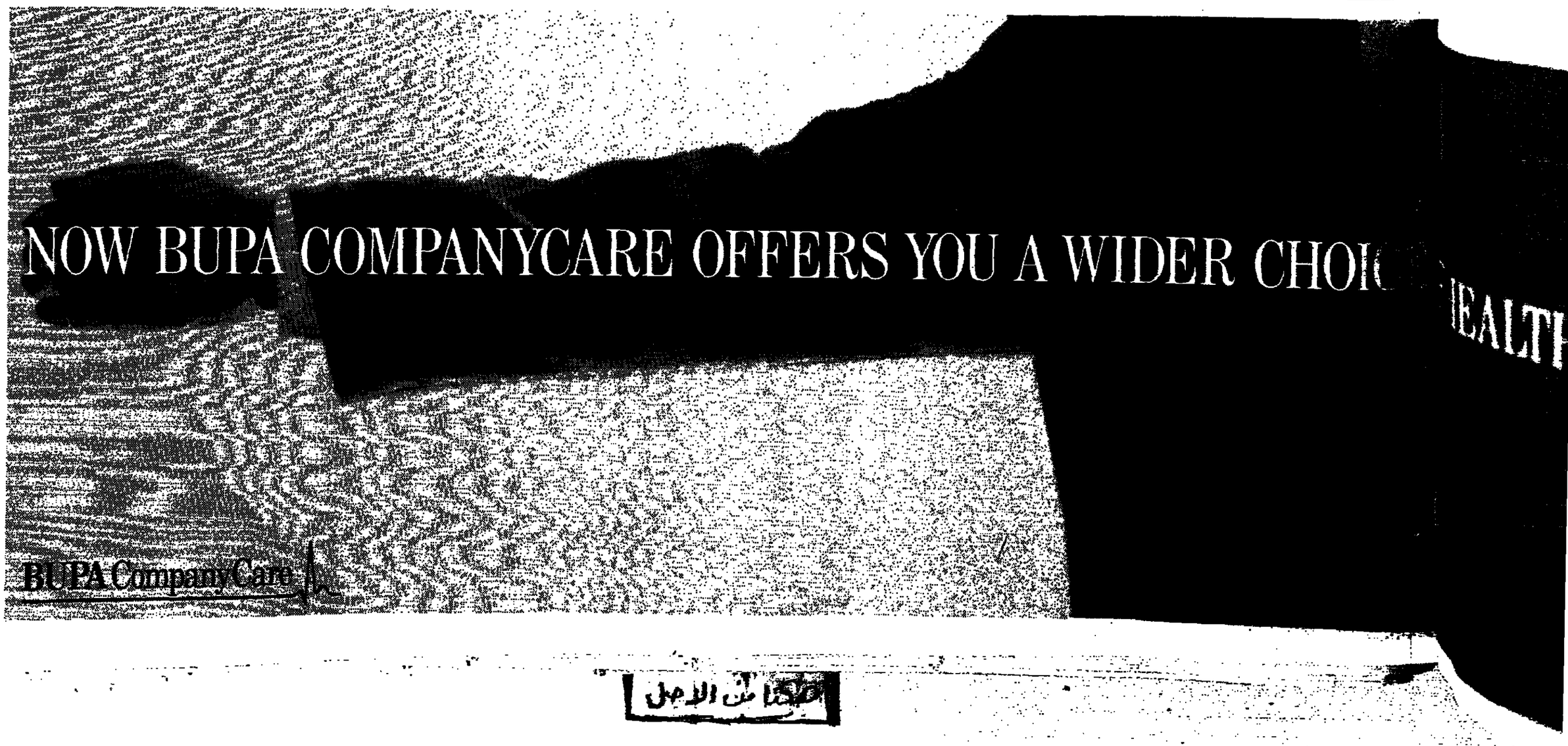
Bucharest: The trial of Alexandru Draghici, a former communist security police chief, and three colleagues for murder was postponed until September when none of the accused turned up. *(Reuter)*

Bank blasts

Marseilles: Bombs slightly damaged six banks in Marseilles and a seventh in Toulon. At another bank police found an eighth bomb that failed to go off. Nobody was hurt. *(AP)*

Mansion blaze

Palm Beach: Fire destroyed King Husain of Jordan's mansion in this Florida resort, local police said. *(Reuter)*



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Buoyant Patten presses on with democracy plans

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

■ **Hong Kong's governor expects British endorsement this week of his policies. A compromise with the Chinese is expected despite continuing Peking grumbles**

CHRIS Patten, the Hong Kong governor, arrives in London tomorrow morning expecting the prime minister, the foreign secretary, and the Commons to endorse his plan for broader democracy in the colony, which has provoked Peking into calling him a liar and a whore.

On Thursday morning Mr Patten and Sir Robin MacLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, will attend a meeting chaired by John Major to discuss the Sino-British negotiations in Peking. These have been variously described after six rounds as going "nowhere" or having made "some progress".

Mr Patten did not sound like a man expecting a rough ride on his handling of Hong Kong's turbulent relationship with China. "I expect to discuss our strategy and tactics with my former colleagues," the governor said yesterday, "and I expect to have the endorsement of the prime minister."

Indeed, it is understood here that one of the reasons for Mr Patten's trip, in the words of an official, is "to jog Peking" into understanding that Britain is not going to buckle under Chinese pressure. It is also thought that the negotiations, far from concluding in July as originally envisaged to give the Legislative Council time to debate the Patten plan, will now continue into September. But Mr Patten does not wish to stand in front of the council, when it resumes in October, to announce that talks are still in progress.

Mr Patten was feeling cheerful about Moody's Investor Services awarding a meagre A3 credit rating to Hong Kong, lower than Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea. The service observed it is not "probable that Hong Kong will retain its present role as a world-class international financial centre after 1997 because of China's ingrained tendency towards interventionism".

Business critics in Hong Kong have attacked Mr Patten's plan because they fear it will provoke Peking into subverting the colony's economy. Moody's conclusion, the governor said, "is the best way of showing the business community the value of our strategy and whose fault it will be if the Chinese intervene".

Mr Patten's point is that China's economy, which is now described as "grim" by its own leaders, with its 30 per cent inflation rate just over the border in Guangdong province, a rapidly devaluing currency and rampant official corruption, needs a stable and prosperous Hong Kong, unpanicked by Peking's political pressure. Although China vowed it would never negotiate with Britain on the Patten plan, it remains the core of Britain's position.

Mr Patten insists on the survival of the "through-train" concept, which ensures that council members elected in 1995 will remain after 1997. Peking hates this because it would mean that "black hands", such as the liberal Martin Lee, a council member, would still be legislating for Hong Kong after the change in sovereignty. "The old puffer stays," Mr Patten said. It is also known that Mr Patten wants the Election Committee, which he envisages electing ten of the council's 60 members in 1995, to be elected. Peking insists it be appointed.

Where Mr Patten may give ground is on the indirect election of nine more seats to the council, in addition to the 20 Peking has agreed will be directly elected in 1995. Originally Mr Patten planned for 2.8 million Hong Kong voters to participate in this indirect election. Peking denounced this as a betrayal of past agreements which limited elected seats to 20. Britain will probably agree to reduce this to perhaps about half a million people. Mr Patten believes that this number of voters for the nine council seats would be too many for Peking to pressure.

"If Patten insists that every 'i' in his plan be dotted and every 't' crossed, he will lose all flexibility in the negotiations," said a Hong Kong government source. "But he cannot leave an impression of a politically and diplomatically defenceless Hong Kong after the negotiations. He feels the time is over when Britain could finesse its principles in negotiations with China."

Mr Patten avoided details of a compromise yesterday. But he remains true to his pledge to Hong Kong of "clean unrigged elections which people here will find acceptable". He added: "It's very difficult to describe an elephant, but you certainly know one when you see it."

☐ **Border agreement:** China and Vietnam have agreed jointly to tackle cross-border gun and drug smuggling. *Wen Wei Po*, a pro-Peking newspaper in Hong Kong, said yesterday.

Wen Wei Po quoted Zhu Entao, head of the Chinese branch of Interpol, as saying guns smuggled to British-controlled Hong Kong were found to have originated in Vietnam and passed through China. Violent armed crime has increased sharply in Hong Kong in recent years.

Mr Zhu, who recently traveled to Vietnam, told a delegation of Hong Kong politicians in Peking that the two former enemies would strengthen cooperation against the trade, but *Wen Wei Po* gave no details. The Vietnamese government estimates that 150 tons of opium, the base for heroin, was grown in Vietnam in 1992. US officials fear Vietnam is becoming a conduit for traffickers from the "Golden Triangle", on the borders of Burma, Laos and Thailand, source of more than half of the heroin smuggled to the United States.

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Poll surprise

Tokyo: Against all expectations, Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party gained two seats in local elections in Tokyo, increasing its representation to 44 seats, 34 per cent of the assembly (Joanna Pitman writes).

Its nearest contender was the Komeito "Clean Government" party, which won 25 seats. Forecasters had expected a dismal showing for the LDP due to disaffection with its scandal-ridden image and the party's recent damaging split, which followed a vote of no confidence in the lower house of the Diet ten days ago.

Tall order: a demonstrator turns a pro-Aristide poster into a chef's hat outside the United Nations building in New York. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the deposed president of Haiti, and General Raoul Cedras, the army chief who overthrew him, continued to talk through UN mediators in the city yesterday (David Adams writes). Dante Caputo, the UN mediator, said an agenda for face-to-face talks had been agreed. "We are talking about the transition of power, changes in the high command and the return of the president," he said. In Port-au-Prince, UN officials sought the release of churchgoers arrested and beaten by police at a service where protesters shouted for Father Aristide's return.

Kennedy biography enlarges the myth

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

THE cocktail of truth and fantasy surrounding the Kennedy clan has been given a fresh shake by a biography of Edward Kennedy. *The Last Brother*, which purports to be non-fiction but admits to being based on imagination as much as research.

Joe McGinniss, the author, insists his book "falls well within the realm of legitimate biographical licence". His publisher, at Simon and Schuster, believes he has written an "interpretive biography". The Kennedys have attacked the book as the purest invention.

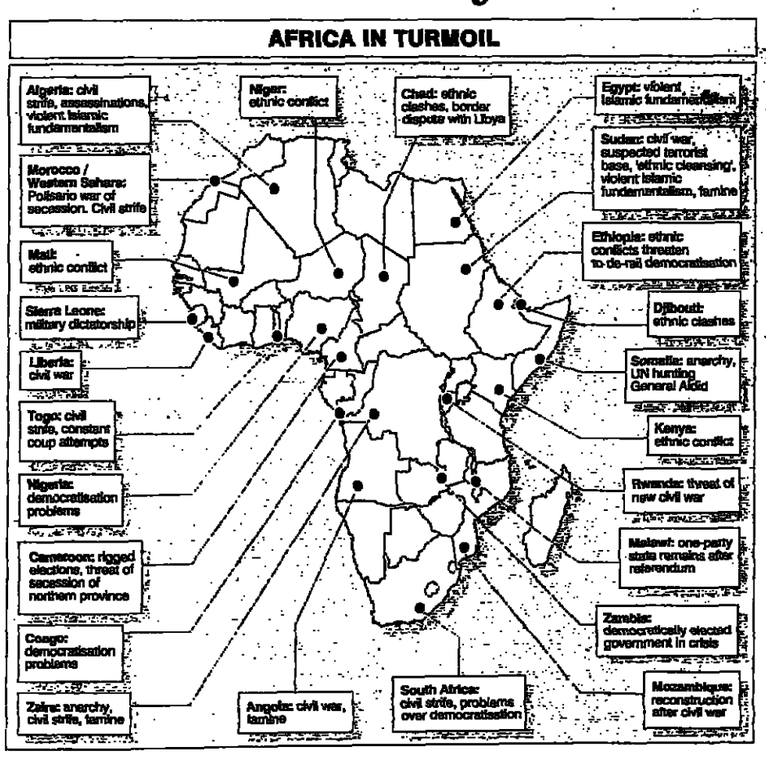
McGinniss had no co-operation from the Kennedys, least of all the Massachusetts senator, yet he has no qualms in describing crucial scenes in detail. Consider this account of Mr Kennedy and Eunice Shriver, his sister, breaking the news to their bed-ridden father that their brother, the president, had been shot.

Mr Kennedy "was going to speak," writes McGinniss. "He just needed one more moment to think of how to begin. And so he stood at the foot of the bed, as mute as his father, his hands clasped behind his back, unable to look the old man in the eye. Finally, Eunice could take it no more. She threw herself on the bed and began to shout 'Daddy! Daddy! There's been an accident ... Jack was in an accident, daddy!' "

Stirring stuff, and enough for the publishers to include a disclaimer. "Some thoughts and dialogue attributed to figures in the narrative were created by the author, based on [extensive] research and his knowledge of the relevant people, places and events." McGinniss has since disclaimed the disclaimer.

Eritrea's litany of African failures stuns leaders

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT



ERITREA, the newest member of the Organisation of African Unity, stunned delegates to the group's annual conference in Cairo yesterday by cataloguing its failures over the past 30 years.

President Afeworki of Eritrea, which won independence last month, told delegates representing the 51 other states at the OAU summit that they were members of a "nominal organisation" that had failed to fulfil its objectives and meet its commitments. "Although the OAU has often championed the lofty ideals of unity, cooperation, economic development, human rights and other worthy objectives, it has failed seriously to work towards their concrete realisation," Mr Afeworki said.

His speech comes as Africa seems from Cape Town to Cairo to be on the verge of implosion. Botswana, Namibia and Benin are the only countries where democracy and economic development have been achieved while economic growth has been maintained. The list of countries in the throes of civil war, anarchy, civil strife or on the verge of political collapse is much longer.

This month Dr Hastings Banda of Malawi has ignored a vote for the introduction of multiparty democracy; in Nigeria, the military President Babangida inexplicably annulled free elections and vowed to repeat them within weeks, although without the two leading presidential contenders, disqualified by a change in the rules.

Civil war continues, broken only for 16 months, in Angola where 1,000 people a day are dying of starvation, and in Liberia, where atrocities have been committed almost monthly since 1990. Sudan is split by civil war between the south and the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Khartoum; the southern population is starving, while the ruling National Islamic Front has been accused of organising the "ethnic cleansing" of the Nuba tribe in the north. The border war between Chad and Libya is about to start again. Egypt and Sudan have exchanged tit-for-tat expulsions and threaten each other's borders. The OAU has proved unable to intervene, as in Somalia.

"Thirty years after the foundation of this organisation our continent remains affected by growing poverty and backwardness," Mr Afeworki said. "The African continent is today a marginalised actor in global politics.

"Africa is not a place where its citizens can walk with raised heads, but a continent scorned by all its partners, a continent that seems to produce endlessly the wrong manuals for economic development, democratisation and political management," Mr Afeworki added.

Absent from his speech was the routine rhetoric of speakers at previous OAU conferences who have blamed the former colonialists or the Cold War for Africa's ills. Mr Afeworki laid most of the blame for Africa's problems at the feet of Africans. By attacking the OAU as a failure, he was by implication also telling many of the presidents there that they were failing their own nations.

Police arrest 21 for Johannesburg raid

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

POLICE have begun arresting some of the hundreds of members of the extremist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) who last Friday attacked the World Trade Centre, venue of South Africa's multiparty constitutional negotiations. But officers admitted they were having difficulty tracing all those involved.

Major General Leon Mellett, spokesman for the law and order ministry, said the right-wingers had gone into hiding and were being cared for by sympathisers. "It's not all that easy to get to people in hiding, but we are confident we will be able to arrest the core of those who took part in the break-in," he said.

The arrests began late on Sunday and 21 people were in custody by last night. They are being held under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act and must be brought before a court within 48 hours. None of those held has been named.

General Mellett said the possible arrest of Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the AWB, was "a very political issue". The attorney-general would decide if he were to be prosecuted.

In Vienna, President de Klerk, responding to criticisms by Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, defended police handling of the attack. If they had made any mistake, he said, it was in not being sufficiently prepared. Speaking after talks with President Klestil of Austria, he added that there would have been a bloodbath if police had stormed the World Trade Centre to try to detain the right-wing attackers.

Terre'Blanche: arrest would be political issue

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'We infiltrated one mole apiece into the Militant Tendency and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament'

Thatcher's irregulars under fire

By 1978, Shield the private counter-subversion group set up by Brian Crozier (below) and others, was attacking the left but being undermined by top Conservatives

Would Thatcher buy a Counter-Subversion Executive? Clockwise (from top left), Lord Carrington, Willie Whitelaw, Mrs Thatcher, Keith Joseph, Stephen Hastings, Nicholas Elliott, Brian Crozier, Harry Sporborg

As left wing subversion worsened, the inner group of Shield (the "givers") realised that reformed directives and terms of reference, however desirable, were not going to be enough. The inner group met frequently; the full committee only occasionally. What was needed was a new coordinating body, responsible directly to the prime minister, and with a clear mandate for counter-action. An analogy suggested itself, especially to the one among us — Harry Sporborg, of Hambros Bank — who had served on it: the wartime Special Operations Executive.

The parallel was not exact, of course, but there was enough substance in it to prompt the name of the new body we were proposing: the Counter-Subversion Executive (CSE). We naturally entrusted the drafting to Harry himself. The outcome was "The Mechanism Paper", the third draft of which, dated May 17, 1978, was adopted for distribution. The function of the CSE was defined as "not only to counter anti-British subversive activity both in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world, by all clandestine means both offensive and defensive, but also actively to conduct a clandestine offensive against Soviet power."

On the basis of Sporborg's text, the committee asked me to draft a more elaborate paper, called "Tasks of the Counter-Subversion Executive (CSE)". A final draft, dated June 8, 1978, was distributed to all members of Shield.

Some weeks later, the full Shield committee met in the boardroom of a City bank. Mrs Thatcher, keen and alert, presided. Hers was the "receiving" side. On her left was Sir Keith Joseph who before the meeting began raised with me some questions about my new book *Strategy of Survival* (he had a copy with him). On her right was Willie Whitelaw and, beyond him, Lord Carrington. We the "givers" faced them across the table. On my left was Harry Sporborg. On my right was Nicholas Elliott, formerly of the Secret Intelligence Service; and Stephen Hastings, a distinguished Conservative backbencher. Thus Hastings was as far as he could be from Peter Carrington.

Perhaps this was as well, as the meeting degenerated into a slanging match between them. The third old Etonian present, Elliott, tried a conciliatory role, without making much impact. Carrington's main objection was to our proposals for the location of the CSE. The problem was secrecy. Even a small group, such as we were proposing, would find it difficult to pass unnoticed, if only because of its potential power. The mandarins would sense the existence of an alien body.

The CSE paper had left the question open. I asked for reactions to its functioning in the margin of the Foreign Office, but Carrington, who saw himself as Foreign Secretary in the forthcoming government, would have none of it.

Mrs Thatcher intervened, to propose that the CSE should in effect be a small intelligence committee serving the prime minister, and accommodated either in the Cabinet Office in Whitehall, or at 10 Downing Street itself. But Carrington objected to this as well, and the meeting ended on a less than harmonious note.

Harry Sporborg saw some sense in Carrington's objections, and on August 22 he suggested that the CSE should simply be an ultra-secret appendage of MI6, settling discreetly into a West End building already used by the Secret Intelligence Service, and moving the present occupants elsewhere, so that nobody would notice.

It was not until some time later that the truth gradually dawned on us. It was not the secrecy aspect that Carrington really objected to. That was just an excuse. He was against the idea itself. He did not *want* a Counter-Subversion Executive. The future prime minister did, and Whitelaw and Joseph went along with it. Carrington was against the whole thing. And it was his view that prevailed.

On Tuesday May 8, 1979, less than a week after Margaret Thatcher's first electoral triumph, I was chairing a small international meeting at the Churchill Hotel in Portman Square, when an unexpected call came. The caller was a senior member of the Joint Intelligence Committee [liaising between the intelligence services and the Cabinet] and he needed to see me urgently. It was 5pm, and he had tracked me down after trying my office and home.

I adjourned the meeting for one hour from 6pm and the man joined me in the bar. He and I had been lunching together two or three times a year. On one such occasion, I had started to tell him about the Shield committee, and he had stopped me short: "I'd rather not know, Brian, if you don't mind," he had said.

Now the situation had changed. He had been summoned to meet the new prime minister the following day, and he wanted to know the whole story. I gave it to him.

For the inner group of Shield, however, this was a time of deepening frustration, turning to gloom. We met three times in May and June, on the last occasion to consider a new "strategic" paper prepared for Shield by a senior MI5 officer who had just retired. This was a penetrating dissection of the Security Service, and where it had gone wrong. The picture was of an intellectually weakened organisation no longer prepared to take Marxist-Leninist influences seriously.

Too much time and resources were devoted to the trailing of foreign spies (which, it was argued, could be left to the police Special Branch) and too little to domestic subversion. This report was intended for the (new) prime minister and was duly passed on to her, though to little effect, if any.

There was indeed no sign of life, yet, from the new incumbent at Number 10. And then, in the first week of July, a formal invitation came to each of us: lunch at Chequers on Sunday, July 15.

It was my first visit to the prime minister's country residence. The lady could not have been warmer or more friendly. We sat on the terrace, over pre-lunch drinks. It was a bright summer's day and the roses were out, in profusion. Harry Sporborg, very formal, addressed her as "prime minister", and she corrected him with a smile. "Margaret, please, to all of you," she said, beaming.

Nothing of much substance was said. The message of the occasion, unspoken but clear, was: "Thanks, but no thanks." Shield was dead.

The fact that Shield no longer existed did not mean that the challenge of subversion had gone away. The London end of the 61 [Brian Crozier's international private spy network] simply took over Shield's work.

We infiltrated one mole apiece into the Militant Tendency, the most threatening of the Trotskyist groups, and into the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). Both operations were successful.

Our man's secret report on Militant reached me in October 1979. It was precise, revealing and worrying. The hidden core of Militant was a highly organised Marxist-Leninist party calling itself the Revolutionary Socialist League. When Militant emerged, it claimed that the RSL had dissolved itself, but in fact it had gone underground. This fact was not known to MI5 at the time of the 1979 general election.

It was clearly important that the prime minister should see our mole's report. I rang 10 Downing Street and was put through to her. She immediately agreed to see us but she did not wish Willie or Keith or Peter, or even Stephen Hastings to know.

She read the mole's report attentively and commented at Chequers that MI5 had not reported on similar lines. At our next meeting, however, she told us that the Security Service had caught up with us. But she did not say how.

Because the machinery of counter-subversion had not been revived, the problem was as intractable as ever. I had learnt from a reliable source that Shield's proposal for a "Counter-Subversion Executive" had been submitted to the Cabinet Secretary and rejected. The grounds given were weakly bureaucratic: the cost, and (doubtless the decisive objection) the probability that the idea would run into determined Whitehall opposition.

In a secret memorandum to the prime minister in October 1981, I argued that the need was great "and is indeed growing in the face of international terrorism, the spread of extremist Communist groups (mainly of the so-called 'Trotskyist' variety), the incipient threat from neo-Fascist groups, and the efforts of the Soviet Union to penetrate the media, and exploit pacifist, religious and environmentalist sentiment . . . to undermine Nato".

In the light of Whitehall opposition, I proposed instead a "minimal cost" alternative: the appointment of a Coordinator, whose job would be to ensure that the resources and expertise of the existing departments (the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service, the Ministry of Defence and the Information Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office) were used to the best effect.

I raised this proposal with Mrs Thatcher at our next Chequers meeting, on January 2, 1982. On January 4, she summoned the Secretary to the Cabinet, Sir Robert Armstrong, and instructed him to discuss requirements with his colleagues and report back. At the end of July 1982, my understanding was that Sir Robert had recommended that she should appoint an "Information Coordinator". But, as I later learnt, his role was simply to coordinate the intelligence from MI5 and MI6, for the benefit of the Joint Intelligence Committee. There was no formal provision for coordination with us, although the informal link continued.

A secret mission to Moscow — with cash from the CIA

Subversives in the coalfields and in local councils are tackled

Plot to undermine the miners

MY MEETING with the prime minister on February 28 1985 started at 9am. It was the first time I had met her in her office, not at Chequers. Her well-known adviser on foreign affairs, Charles Powell, was at the door of No 10 to greet me. He started to enter the room with me, but to his surprise she told him she wanted to see me alone.

Her theme was the challenge to the government of the self-styled "people's republics" in the Greater London Council (GLC) and a number of municipal councils. The reasons she gave for turning to the private sector for help were no less interesting than the problem itself.

Her first thought had been to use the funds of the Department of the Environment, but the then Secretary of State, Patrick Jenkin, appeared to have no understanding of the problem, and adamantly refused to use his department's funds.

I pointed out that what I was being asked to do was the kind of work that could have been done, and which might have avoided the present situation, if our recommendations of some years earlier for the creation of a Counter-Subversion Executive (CSE) had been implemented. She let that pass without comment.

MRS THATCHER mentioned that her biggest problem was unemployment. However, the biggest current challenge was the mineworkers' strike and she informed me (in advance of the news) that the number of miners returning to work that day would bring the figure of miners back at work to more than 50 per cent. Arthur Scargill's strike was therefore defeated. She said she had often been discouraged but had always rallied round and had always been determined to go on to the end and not allow the government or herself to be defeated. She hoped this would be recognised — that she had shown the will to fight on where her predecessors had failed.

A crucial role was played by David Hart — millionaire businessman, novelist, journalist, and political activist. His name was well known to me, mainly from his concise and penetrating articles in *The Times*, but we did not meet until the summer of 1987.

Like me, though in different areas, Hart had been an unofficial adviser to Mrs Thatcher for some years. David Hart, Old Etonian son of a Jewish banker, had resolved to find out for himself how the coal miners lived. During the first two months of the strike, he had spent many days wandering around the coalfields talking to miners in both camps: those who wanted to strike and those who wanted to work. From the coalfields, David Hart reported regularly to Mrs Thatcher by telephone and in hand-delivered notes. One day he suggested to her that he should get together with Ian (later Sir Ian) MacGregor, the British-born American businessman appointed by the prime minister in 1983 as chairman of the National Coal Board. Mrs Thatcher agreed, and a private meeting was arranged through David Hart's brother and the economist Lord (Ralph) Harris. The meeting-place was MacGregor's flat in Eaton Square. Also present was Tim Bell, MacGregor's adviser on public relations. David Hart gained MacGregor's confidence and the two remained firm friends after the coal strike.

David Hart (top) and Tony Kerpel

In the early stages of the strike, the prime minister was very reluctant to get personally involved, for fear of the possible political consequences of a defeat. Some years earlier, Lord Carrington had advised capitulation in the event of a further coal strike. For the first two or three months, she kept a low profile and left it to Peter Walker, her "wet" secretary for energy, to deal with MacGregor.

David Hart's strategy was simple. His aim was victory in what he rightly saw as a politically motivated strike designed to bring down the Thatcher government. He defined victory as a return to work by all the miners, *without a settlement*.

By August 1984, Hart had defined his strategy and was trying with MacGregor and Bell, and certain working miners, to evolve suitable tactics. By September, he had persuaded Mrs Thatcher that the strategy made sense. Thereafter, he took many of the tactical decisions, carrying MacGregor with him, sometimes reluctantly.

The tactics were as follows:

- To monitor the intentions of the NUM. This was achieved through indirect but reliable access to two members of the executive.
- To put pressure on Scargill's executive through legal actions by miners against their own union. These actions were very successful and led to the sequestration of NUM funds.
- To encourage miners who wanted to work, and enable them to do so.
- To frustrate all attempts by Peter Walker and Ian MacGregor to negotiate a settlement. In this endeavour, Hart's greatest, though unwitting, ally was Scargill himself.

Walker greatly resented Hart's "interference". On one occasion, in October 1984, he rang Hart at Claridge's and exclaimed: "You can't run this strike from Claridge's." Hart replied: "I'm not doing too badly, so far." Walker put the phone down.

During the February 1985 meeting I went on to brief Mrs Thatcher about our recent operations in the UK. The most important point I tried to put across was that the biggest obstacle to our work, and indeed to any counter-subversion, was the total lack of cooperation, and indeed the obstructiveness of the security service. The dissemination of intelligence on the home front had been discontinued in February 1974 by administrative, not political, decisions.

She asked whether I thought the present (and, at that time, outgoing) head of MI5, Sir John Jones, was personally that obstructive. My reply was that the question answered itself since this was the state of affairs.

She was listening intently, taking notes. She complained about the rowdy and hostile leftists in the Commons. She was particularly incensed that her own "triumph" in the United States (in particular, her speech to a joint session of Congress) had been greeted with loud laughter from Labour. This was the weapon of ridicule, she said indignantly. She complained that some members on the Tory benches had joined with Labour laughter in a recent debate when references were made to Marxist influences within the local councils. "So you see," she went on, "this is happening even on our own side."

I CALLED in my young London activists and we worked out a plan of action over the councils. We would need to act on several fronts: penetration, legislation, influence, and publicity. We all agreed that a public and visible organisation would be needed. The problem was to find a name that yielded an easily pronounceable acronym. We settled for Campaign against Council Corruption (CAMACC).

In military terms, the "nuclear-free zones" in various council areas were of no significance. The point was the £10 million or more had gone to CND and other like-minded bodies, thus building up further support for the "peace" movement.

Our choice as Director of CAMACC, Tony Kerpel, now of Lowe Bell Communications, was appointed a special adviser to Kenneth Baker, who had succeeded Jenkin as Secretary of State for the Environment. In Parliament, CAMACC's main activist was former junior industry minister Edward Leigh, who had earlier played a leading role in our Coalition for Peace through Security.

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Beating the cruellest thief of all

Dementia can rob victims such as Maria Tobin and her fellow patients of their happiest memories — and finally even their own identity. Now, says Aileen Ballantyne, there is promise of a new treatment

A life lost in shadow: Alzheimer's sufferer Maria Tobin in hospital today (left) and as a young bride on the wedding day she has totally forgotten

When Maria Tobin walked down the aisle on her wedding day in 1932 she could have expected to remember her happiness and excitement until the day she died.

Today, at 81, she is still very much alive, but her memories have gone for ever. They have been stolen from her by dementia, the degenerative condition that will start to deprive one in 20 of us of our personalities by the time we are 65. If we reach 80 — as an increasing number of us will — one in five of us will begin to suffer from the disease.

Dementia is thought to be the fourth most common cause of death in the western world, after heart disease, cancer and strokes. About two-thirds of dementia is caused by Alzheimer's disease, in which the brain cells die, "switching off", in turn, the brain's chemical messengers. The second most common cause is thought to be multiple infarct dementia, in which a series of "mini strokes" occur in the brain. The causes are different, but the end point is the same. All forms of the disease slowly destroy thought, speech and, finally even the ability to walk.

Dementia is a mercilessly slow killer. It is not, at first sight, the most obvious subject for peak-time television drama. But the poet Tony Harrison, whose father-in-law died of the disease, has written a powerful and moving play (to be shown on BBC 2 at 9pm tomorrow night) which tackles one of the most deep-rooted fears this common disease brings: the loss of self.

Black Daisies for the Bride is an unclassifiable mixture of drama, musical, poetry and documentary. It tells of the lives of three women with Alzheimer's. Set in a real hospital — High Royds, near Ilkley in Yorkshire — it focuses on Maria Tobin and two other residents. All play themselves.

Mrs Tobin retains all the sweetness and resonance of her professionally trained opera singer's voice: but, whatever anyone around her is singing, she sings only one note, a single trilled A which she recalls from *Madame Butterfly*.

Three young actresses become uncanny reincarnations of the wedding pictures of the real women, dressing in exact replicas of their wedding dresses. Each tells her story in song, as they walk along the chillingly clean corridors of the hospital. Meanwhile their real counterparts sit, vacantly oblivious to all that is around them.

Harrison has painted a cruel image, but it is also a truthful one. How else do you give an identity to someone who has had theirs destroyed, except by recreating the past? My own father died, at 79, of this illness nearly two years ago. Like most other relatives on his hospital ward, I put photographs of him and other close family members by his bedside. They were not really there for him. He could not, finally, even lift his head to take pleasure in the sight of my then newly-born baby, his first grandson: the photographs were there to remind the nursing staff who cared for him that the emaciated shell of a man they saw was once my gentle, fun-loving father.

One of the things that makes dementia so painful for those who have to watch it is that the memory loss is not uniform. Patients who could not tell you whether what they have just eaten for dinner, or who the prime minister is, may still retain skills learnt decades before, such as speaking a foreign language, or playing an instrument.

But dementia is not just an inevitable part of growing old. Most geriatricians dislike the commonly-used term "senile dementia", since the fact that it affects some, but not all old people, proves that there are identifiable causes — and therefore methods of treating them. Harrison's play comes as two important steps have been made in the struggle to find drug treatments.

Last month, scientists at Bristol University succeeded in devising a way to engineer genetically, in large quantities, a naturally occuring substance known as nerve growth factor (NGF) on which very limited trials, on a small number of patients with advanced Alzheimer's, will begin early next year. This is one of the most hopeful developments yet in the long path to find an effective treatment. Unlike previous treatments, it aims to prevent the degeneration of brain cells in the basal nucleus. It is this degeneration that leads to a breakdown in the production of acetylcholine — one of the brain's main chemical messengers which allow brain cells to intercommunicate.

In addition, within the next few months in the United States, the world's first prescription drug for Alzheimer's is expected to be licensed. It is also expected to be available, on prescription, in Britain by early next year. Unlike NGF, which, in the test tube at least, appears to have the potential to stop the process of deterioration, the new drug THA (tetrahydroaminoacridine) works by slowing down the loss of acetylcholine rather than halting it in its tracks. Trials suggest that it will benefit about one in three patients with the early form of the disease, and could prevent the disease worsening for about a year or slightly more. Those who have conducted trials, such as Dr Gordon Wilcock, professor of care of the elderly at Bristol University, say they hope it could improve some symptoms, but warn: "It will not turn people back into what they were before."

Improved control of the symptoms of Alzheimer's is also likely to be available within four to five years and effective treatments to prevent the disease's progress are expected to be with us in ten years. When THA can be given on prescription it will mean, for the first time, that there will be an incentive to distinguish between Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Doctors will also be able to find important clues to this multi-faceted illness from the fact that THA works on some patients but not on others.

In treatment terms, the first prescription drug for any illness marks an important milestone. Alzheimer's will become "medicalised" — rather than just something general practitioners pass on to the social work department. This may seem a small step forward, but, right now, it is the only hope for the millions who will otherwise spend their last years without even memories for company.

● *Further information on dementia is available from: The Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.*

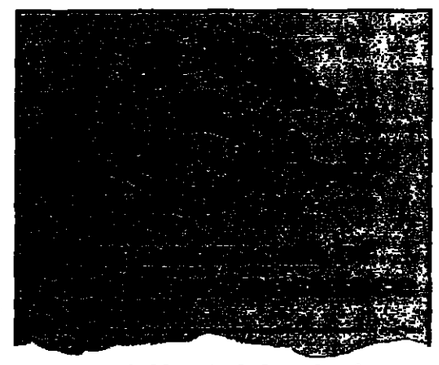
The trinket of beads that can be a killer

Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on the dangers of the castor oil seed

AMONG the jungle of fashion necklaces littering dressing table drawers, there is often a castor oil seed necklace bought possibly during a trip to some exotic Third World country and brought back to Britain.

The necklaces bought from Oxfam recently are therefore by no means the only ones in circulation, but the charity was wise to draw attention to their inherent dangers, not only to children but also to adults, in eating the seeds.

Communist agents were able to deliver a fatal dose of ricin, the poison within the seed, by injection (as they did in the case of the umbrella murder of the Bulgarian dissident and broadcaster, Georgi Markov), in which form it is so toxic that only a minute dose is needed. The castor oil seed is also highly poisonous when taken by mouth. As little as one seed has been known to kill a child, or 20 can prove fatal to an adult.



Dangerous fashion: the Oxfam advertisement

In a case reported in medical literature in 1971, a man aged 57 very nearly died after taking one castor oil seed.

The old-fashioned midwife, the traditional school matron and Eastern bloc agents have all in the past relied upon the castor oil seed in their separate ways, but they have used different parts of the seed.

Castor oil — *Oleum ricini* — is squeezed from the seeds, which must not be heated, of the plant *Ricinus communis*, the castor oil plant.

The oil is, as older patients will remember, slightly yellow. It has an initial taste which is not too unpleasant, but the aftertaste, as wine writers will say, is quite disgusting and often induces nausea.

The kinder midwives used to try to disguise the taste by mixing it with concentrated orange juice before giving it, together with a hot bath and an enema, to induce labour, thereby ensuring that their patient approached child bearing with colicky gut pains and diarrhoea as well as uterine contractions.

The school matron relied upon castor oil to keep her charges "regular", but castor oil has now been superseded, on those rare occasions when laxatives are indicated, by other, kindlier preparations.

Castor oil, because of its violent purgative action, should never be used when the patient has any symptoms of intestinal inflammation or obstruction. It is therefore contraindicated when there is pain, vomiting or nausea.

Although powerful gut stimulants such castor oil are now regarded as obsolete, the use of castor oil lingers on as a soothing cream — zinc and castor oil cream — which is still applied to countless nappy rashes. In the past, preparations for use as eyedrops were popular and are still available today. They were used to calm an eye which had been irritated by a foreign body.

Ricin is a highly toxic poison which is prepared from the residual pulp left behind after the relatively innocuous oil has been extracted from the seeds of *Ricinus communis*. Ricin — when used for assassination by special agents — is given by injection rather than by mouth, and produces as well as the gastroenteritis which can well be expected, a bleeding tendency, a breakdown of the red blood cells and the destruction of the kidneys and liver. The brain, too, is affected and death often occurs after convulsions.

Far removed from the simple science of the sick room, ricin has now found a new role in the high science of the cancer research laboratory.

Ricin has cytotoxic powers capable of killing cancer cells: it can be targeted on to the tumour cells by using monoclonal antibodies. Although ricin has proved to an effective anti-cancer agent, it is difficult to ensure even with the monoclonal antibodies that only the target is hit, for like any other missile, as President Clinton has found, it can also damage the benign. Hence, as a form of treatment, it has not lived up to expectations.

Pathology is back in the headlines — but what makes anybody want to take it up as a job?

It was murder at work again today

"What other trade could offer all the excitement, travel and interest that I have had? My patients never complain. If their illness is perplexing I can always put them back in the refrigerator, talk over the problem with colleagues, and come back to it later." That was Keith Simpson's view of his job in his autobiography *Forty Years of Murder*.

Every forensic pathologist portrayed on television or in 20th century fiction has something of Keith Simpson in them, from Inspector Morse's laboratory colleagues to the American crime writer Patricia Cornwell's pathologist Kay Scarpetta, in the chillingly realistic best-seller *Postmortem*.

More recently, forensic pathologists have been splattering the news pages. Dr Iain West, the head of forensic medicine at Guy's Hospital, in London, has been called in to perform a second post-mortem examination on four men believed to be victims of a serial killer preying on homosexuals, and Elvis Presley fans have demanded an independent pathologist to help determine whether their hero died of heart disease or drug overdose.

What makes people want to spend their working lives with corpses, piecing together fragments of skull, pondering over murder weapons, excreta, stomach contents and the victim's last, painful seconds?

There are 45 listed forensic pathologists in England and Wales. They deal with more than 800 homicides a year and 1,500 suspicious deaths. "I get a kick out of it but not because it is gory. I like the academic challenge and the relationship between medicine, crime and law," says Professor Michael Green, a forensic pathologist at the Medico-Legal Centre in Sheffield. "I still get a surge of adrenalin when the phone wakes me up, like a blood hound or a retriever. My family have almost got too used to it. My granddaughter recently asked, 'Where's your mortuary, then?'"

On the trail: Keith Simpson, the father of forensic pathology

Professor Green, a forensic pathologist for 25 years, describes a working day. "The phone usually rings on Friday and Saturday nights. If the body is in the street and the neighbours are gawping I feel I have to start my examination straight away; otherwise I choose a more civilised moment. As soon as you get to the scene you become part of the team and start drawing diagrams.

"Murders are a rarity. Our bread and butter work is hypothermia, suicides, hangings, overdoses and heart attacks. A single stab wound only takes an hour but my idea of hell is 140 stab wounds on a Saturday night. You try to be impartial, but it is subjective. I have done cases for the defence and for prosecution."

Naomi Carter, 29, is a senior registrar, also at the Sheffield centre. "I saw *Quincy* on television and was hooked," she says. "But most pathology is not about catching criminals — it is about sorting out endings and there is a lot of blood. Seeing bodies doesn't make me squeamish. It is like going into a butcher's shop. You don't think of the lamb playing in a field."

Keith Simpson, the father of forensic pathology, was utterly unaffected by his daily life. He would consume his sandwiches beside a corpse while dictating notes on the victim's last meal to his equally unsqueamish secretary, Molly Lefebure.

He came to prominence in 1942, when he was called to a bomb-damaged church crypt where workmen had found a body beneath a slab of stone. Police matched the body to a Rachel Dobkin, who had been missing for a year, and her husband Harry was put on trial for murder. Mr Dobkin claimed in his defence that she had been killed in a bombing raid but Mr Simpson had found a tiny clot of blood in the voice box. This proved she must have been strangled and Mr Dobkin was condemned to death.

Mr Simpson's most celebrated case was the acid bath murders. John Haigh had killed six people and disposed of them in a 40-gallon tank of sulphuric acid at his workshop in Crawley. All that remained was some sludge in which the pathologist identified some gall stones, part of a foot, a piece of handbag and a plastic lipstick container — all belonging to one of the victims. Haigh, too, was hanged.

Professor Bernard Knight, who has been a pathologist for 38 years, first decided to take up the profession after hearing one of Mr Simpson's lectures. He says: "We have to keep very unsocial hours, get messed about by courts, and miss holidays. We're always in the wrong place at the wrong time — but I wouldn't do anything else."

Professor Knight has written ten textbooks and a dozen crime novels on the subject. "Writers and the public have an insatiable appetite for crime and they either glamorise it or think that we are all introspective oddballs. But at the end of the day a job is a job and I go back to digging my garden like anyone else."

Patricia Cornwell has no illusions. She works in a morgue and has seen more than 200 autopsies to research her crime novels. "I would see strangling cases, or rape homicides, right down there on the table. I would not wish most people to see the things I've seen: it changes your life. For a lot of people murder mysteries are just a puzzle: and they trivialise violence," she said in a recent interview.

Why did she get involved in forensic pathology? "As a reporter, you never get beyond the police tape that cordons off the crime. Going into the morgue and seeing the body, you see everything that actually happened. That's where the truth is, no matter what the police tell you or the witnesses say. The body does not lie."

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Lynne Truss

An appreciation of the finer points of the men's tennis at Wimbledon

A TELEPHONE rings. It is teatime on a day in late June. England. The columnist (a harmless drudge) hastily presses the "Mute" button on her television remote control. The giveaway background noise of "Pock, pock, applause, Thirty love" abruptly ceases. She grabs the receiver.

Columnist (*defensively, and without punctuation*): Hello who's that of course I'm working good grief up to my armpits in fact Huh do you think I've got nothing to do but watch *tennis*? (*Her voice rises to a high squeal.*) *There is a pause, while the caller lets the hysteria subside.*

Female friend: Psst, it's me.

Columnist: Linda? Oh, thank phew for that. I was just watching Wimbledon.

Friend: I know, so was I. Did you see him? Andre the Adorable, did you see him?

The columnist guiltily surveys the Andre Agassi press cuttings littering the floor of the study, and nods dumbly. She has just finished entering the names of today's winners in the special men's knock-out tournament chart. A keen-eyed observer would note that the equivalent chart for the women's tournament is left curiously blank. Taking a deep breath, she makes a decision.

Columnist (*carelessly*): You mean the Agassi match? Oh, I believe I did just manage to catch every single minute of that one, yes. Mmm. I was particularly impressed, actually, by the champion's new short-action serve — 118 miles per hour he's getting — the power of the ground strokes, top-spin, all that. "Ooh, I say," as Dan Maskell used to exclaim, ha ha. Oh yes, French Open, lob, tie-break, Gabriela Sabatini.

Friend: Lynne. You're talking funny. Can't we discuss chest hair, like we usually do? Is there somebody there?

Columnist: Good heavens, no. It's just that all these technical sports-reporter aspects, none of them passes me by. More like a fly-swat than a serve, I'd say, that new Agassi action, but still 118 miles per hour. Amazing. Sport can be really interesting, can't it? Can't think why I'm usually so dismissive of it. Also, there's these new, um, graphological racquets . . . and, um, did I mention 118 mph, and the linesmen, gosh, Sue Barker, new balls, fascinating. And on *Today at Wimbledon*, Humphrey Carpenter can't even say "Ivanisevic" properly! So what makes me cross —

Friend: You mean *Harry* Carpenter.

Columnist: What?

Friend: Not Humphrey Carpenter.

Columnist: Well yes. Yes, obviously. So anyway, what makes me cross is this. Here we are, you and I, having this highly informed and sophisticated conversation about the ins and outs of grand slam tennis, and the papers insist that when women become obsessed with Wimbledon, it's only because of the so-called hunk factor, because of the gorgeous pouting well-built athletic blokes such as Michael Stich and Goran Ivanisevic and — sorry, can't go on, throat a bit dry. Anyway, the idea is that we're watching the legs and the midriffs, not the tennis. I mean, that's absurd, obviously?

Friend: Eh?

Columnist: Absolutely absurd.

Pause.

Friend: But they've stopped showing Andre's midriff, in any case. I 'phoned up yesterday to complain.

Columnist: You did? Good for you. I mean, I hope you also mentioned their excellent coverage of his stunning returns of serve, and inventive cross-court passes?

Friend: No, I didn't. I said, I am a licence payer and if I want to see the dreamboat's tummy, the dreamboat's tummy I shall see.

Columnist: (*struggling, but steadily losing her grip*): Gosh. Whereas me, well, scoreboard, let-cord judge, first service, Cyclops —

Friend: Give it up, Lynne.

Columnist: Shall I? Drop-shot, foot-fault, er . . . Are you sure?

Friend: Definitely.

Pause.

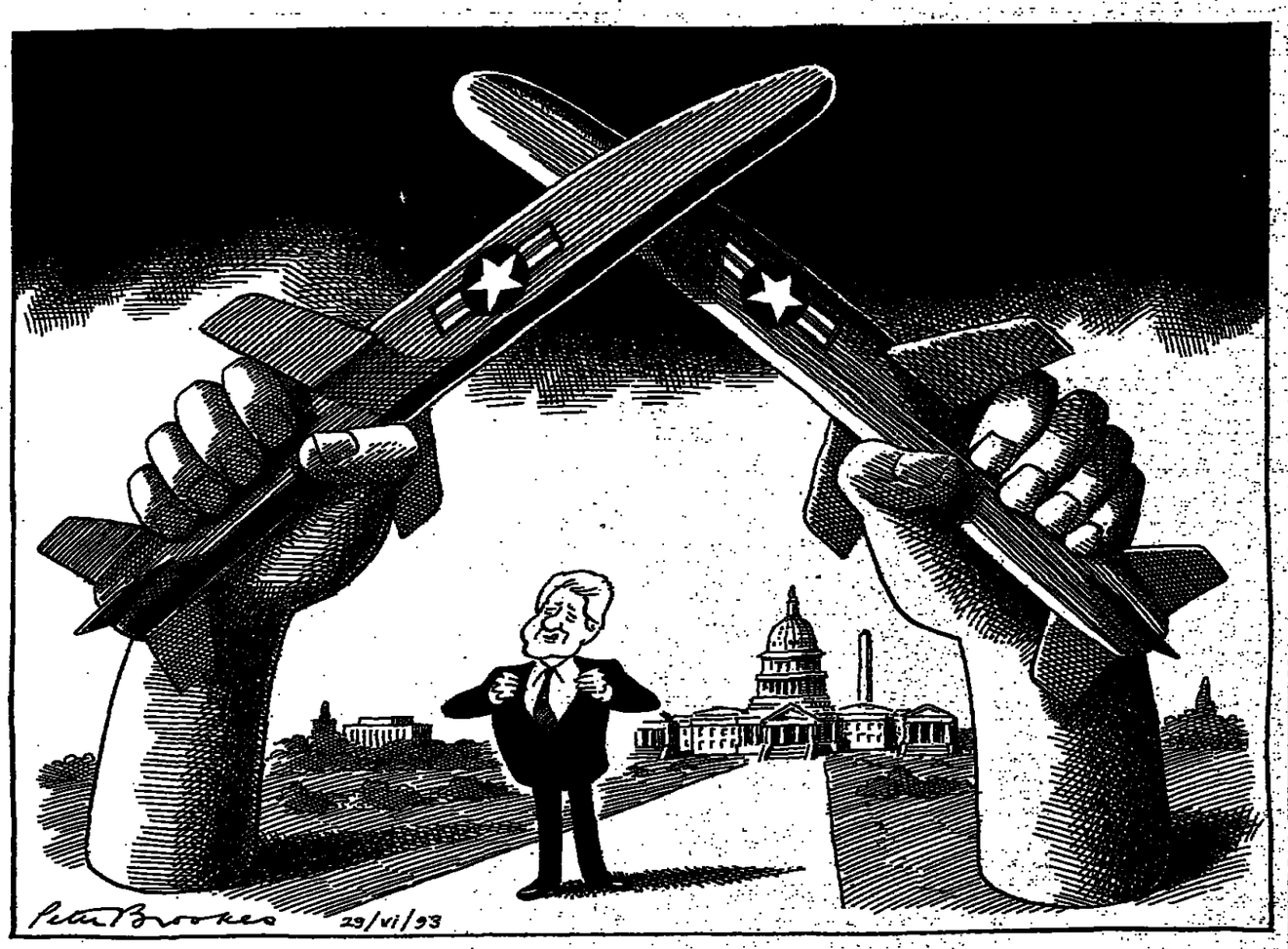
Friend: I see Lendl got knocked out, then.

Columnist (*resigned but happy*): Never fancied him, myself.

Friend: Nor me. Great player, I suppose?

Columnist: No, no. Something to do with those stringy legs and the unattractive way his socks stayed up.

Friend: I know exactly what you mean.



Mastered by the universe

Scientists in search of the origins of the cosmos are missing the point, as God's representatives on Earth will confirm

Bernard Levin

I have always believed that God has a keen sense of humour, if only because there can be no other explanation of Gummer, and if I am right, He (God, not Gummer) must be chortling away at this very moment, after reading a couple of items in the earthly press.

First, swallow this:

> Fossil micro-organisms discovered in Australia prove that life was already thriving and diversified 3,485,000,000,000 years ago, which leaves a much narrower window than previously thought for life to have evolved naturally on Earth. The micro-organisms are more than 1,300,000,000 years older than any comparable fossil group ever found.

And then take a gander at this:

> Construction is likely to go ahead on the $9,000,000,000 Texas Super Collider atom-smashing machine which it is hoped will reveal the nature of the origin of the universe . . . In an underground tunnel 54 miles in circumference, atoms will be hurled at each other at almost the speed of light to simulate the violent conditions of the very early universe.

Before I go any further, I have to point out that my own researches give a very different result — a result, indeed, almost impossible to reconcile with the claims of the Australian investigators. For instance, the Australians insist that their fossil micro-organisms were quacking and buzzing and screeching 3,485,000,000,000 years ago, whereas my own clear understanding of the detailed and exhaustive work on the problem convinces me that the Australians are wide of the mark — so wide, indeed, that it is plain that *they are at least three years out*. That is by no means the only difficulty. The underground tunnel, for instance, is said by the Americans to be 54 miles in circumference; I have measured it myself several times, and anyone can see that it is no more than 53.5 miles round, and possibly 53.2 miles (Sir Alastair Morton insists that it is not his fault).

Why do they do it? "They" being the scientists and "it" being the nonsense. Nine billion dollars they propose to spend, and they are not even ashamed to give the reason: " . . . atom-smashing machine which is hoped will reveal the nature of the origin of the universe."

But it won't, will it? I am no scientist, and the sterling equivalent of $9 billion would make something of a hole even in my bank balance, but I know that when the $9 billion has been spent, and another few billions on top, the scientists will know no more than they know now about the origin of the universe, which is nothing.

Stop for a moment, and look out of the window; if it is daylight, squint at the sun, if you are reading this late at night, gaze at the moon. The moon, as we know, has been visited; for all I know, there is at the moment a project afoot to drop in on the sun. Here a galaxy, there a Creature from Outer Space: perhaps we shall have to get used to a universe in which we are only one among nine billion living species. But we shall still not know the answer that the spendthrift scientists are seeking in vain.

Those itty-bitty Australian micro-organisms, now: 3,485,000,000,000 years old, give a year or two, unless, of course, the scientists who counted them had been opening their cans of Fosters at a shocking rate. Let us suppose they were strictly sober; well, if the micro-organisms are as old as that, it follows *a fortiori* that the world must be even older. (That's one in the eye for Archbishop Ussher, who worked out that creation took place in 4004 BC. Take heart, Bish, the laugh will be on them by the time I am finished.)

Mars next; the plans have been going forward for some time, and in only a few years from now the Mars-goers will be taking their places in the spacecraft. What are the famous "canals"? We shall know, quite soon. But even if the Marsonauts find a flourishing civilisation there, peopled not with little green men but with tall and handsome figures, all of them far ahead of our own life on our little earth, these supermen will still be as ignorant as we are. We are indeed ignorant, and can get no sense from the dafties who thought up the Texas Super Collider atom-smashing machine; we shall get no sense because even if we listen carefully when they explain, and even if we understand the answer, we shall still know that the thing has brought us not a minute nearer to the goal, that absurd, pathetic, chimerical goal — "to reveal the nature of the origin of the universe".

The last time I got into this nonsense, I devised a test, and offered it to my readers; it will certainly work again now. I shall repeat the instructions:

> All you have to do is to stop what you are doing and say to yourself: "I see; that was what happened a hundred million years ago"; say it three times, and I bet you start laughing. (If you make it a *thousand* million years, you will start laughing on the second go.)

The numbers involved in the present version are likely to instigate hysterics; steel yourself and try, first, the Down Under variety; just say, aloud, even if there are other people about: "I see, there was life in the outskirts of Alice Springs three thousand four hundred and eighty-five billion years ago, was there?" When you stop laughing, try "Construction is likely to go ahead on the $9 billion Texas Super Collider atom-smashing machine which it is hoped will reveal the nature of the origin of the universe".

I started this with God; but the absurdity of the scientists is quite enough to demonstrate their folly, God or no God. It is like the question "What is the biggest number?", when it is immediately clear that the question is meaningless, because whatever number is selected, we can all say "plus one", indefinitely.

But exactly the same absurdity hovers over the question about the origins of the universe. Let us suppose that the Texas collider has collided properly, and that what remains is, say, a lot of little green men, an enormous heap of atoms, the remains of a packet of digestive biscuits, *and the universe*. But that doesn't help, does it? Because ("plus one") who or what actually *made* the universe? And whoever and whatever did make it, what made that? And what made that? And — but you get the idea.

Yes, *you* get the idea, and *I* do, but the scientists don't. The last time this unanswerable conundrum came up, one of the boffins got really shirty with me, when I asked the unanswerable question, which is, of course: who made the universe? Shirty, he got; but no answer did he give.

Nor could he have given one. I don't know the answer myself either, but for the want of any name to give the conundrum, I am willing to call it God. Others may call it by what name they please (I suggested, last time round, "a packet of prawn-flavoured crisps" though I don't think anybody took up the challenge), but they cannot get round the immovable obstacle. Some of the baffled ones, who cannot bring themselves to pronounce the word God and cannot, understandably, find a solution to the problem, have tried weaseling out by saying "The universe invented itself", which is much more feeble than any of the standard cop-outs.

Do you remember the Voyager unmanned spacecraft which went to Neptune? It was looking for debris, possibly in a "Keep Space Tidy" drive, and found the now famous necklace encircling the planet. The scientists insisted that the necklace was made of the debris they had been seeking, but we who have even a touch of poetry in our souls believed, and will go on believing that Neptune once did Jupiter a great favour, and in return was given a necklace of stars.

And Shakespeare can do even better than that:

> Sit, Jessica; look, how the floor of heaven
> Is thick inlaid with patines of bright gold:
> There's not the smallest orb which thou behold'st,
> But in his motion like an angel sings,
> Still quiring to the young-eyed cherubims:
> Such harmony is in immortal souls;
> But whilst this muddy vesture of decay
> Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it.

Smash your atoms, gentlemen; put your micro-organisms, cobbers. But if you want to be really happy, all you have to do is to say, three times a day after meals: "The universe is a very remarkable place, and God doesn't mind a bit if you say it isn't." I told you Archbishop Ussher would have the last word.

Making up Clinton's mind

Frank Murray on the forging of a decisive president

When President Clinton decided on June 10 to punish Saddam Hussein for the alleged plot on George Bush's life he did not have to fret with his troublesome Congress, the legalistic UN Security Council, or the European leaders he blames for dropping the ball on Bosnia. In one hammer-stroke the seemingly hapless Mr Clinton could show himself to be decisive.

Inside the Situation Room on the ground floor of the White House, national security adviser, Anthony Lake, was Mr Clinton's closest adviser throughout discussions on what, if anything, should be done in retaliation.

Although Thomas "Mack" McLarty, the chief of staff, and Bruce Lindsey, Mr Clinton's shadow adviser, were also in the core group, the advice of David Gergen, Mr Clinton's newly appointed image repair man, loomed large. As is customary in national security questions, Hillary Rodham Clinton stayed far away, although her husband makes it clear he seeks her counsel privately on everything.

With such a politically attuned team, there would be none of the "Death Highway" overkill, which triggered voter backlash for Mr Bush at the end of Desert Storm. The 2am Tomahawk missile attack against the Baghdad intelligence centre, recently rebuilt from Desert Storm attacks, was literally the least Mr Clinton could do. It was the so-called "low-end option", the least drastic proposal put before him by military planners led by General Colin Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr Clinton rejected "decapitation" assaults on bunkers that might house Saddam and plans to destroy military bases and factories engaged in refitting Iraq's devastated weapons stores. And, with his eye on the aftermath, he reluctantly decided to delay action until he saw "compelling evidence" of Baghdad's involvement in April's alleged bomb plot in Kuwait.

From June 10 onwards, three days after Mr Gergen joined the staff, tactical decisions, centered on public relations concerns, Mr Clinton decided to use unmanned missiles rather than jeopardise jet pilots to get more target-selectivity. Mr Bush had asked the president not to risk American lives.

The painful wait for plausible links to Baghdad reportedly infuriated the president who feared this episode would become yet another blot on his image. In mid-June, investigators of the FBI, CIA and Secret Service were sent back several times to Kuwait, to find Saddam's fingerprints somewhere on the evidence seized by Kuwait for the trial of the alleged plotters. James Woolsey, the director of the CIA, and Janet Reno, the attorney-general, brought Mr Clinton the final results last Wednesday night.

The president need not have worried about the delay. The timing, just before his multi-national summitry debut in Tokyo next week, could not have been better. Strategists in Washington say that, with Japan's government a lame duck, the only value left in the G-7 meeting of major industrial powers, and the follow-on session with Boris Yeltsin, is to show Mr Clinton as a leader.

Ironically, one of Mr Clinton's problems with the military provided cover for the plans for a military strike. A decision on lifting the ban against gays in uniform is considered imminent, and the president's staff did nothing to disabuse reporters of the impression that this was the topic last week for the high-level military conferences and visits by the defence secretary, Les Aspin, and General Powell.

A three-hour national security council meeting late last Thursday night discussed the options. On Friday Mr Clinton told Mr Lake to pass the word down the chain of command. Mr Lake also briefed Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Adviser to Mr Bush, who went to Kennebunkport that day to inform the former president.

On Saturday afternoon Mr Clinton played golf. Reporters in the White House press room were assured by Dee Dee Myers, the press secretary, that there would be no more news and they could leave. The reporters were called back four hours later, after missiles landed.

Leaders in European capitals were informed of the attack by presidential emissaries sent after Mr Clinton made mysterious calls on Saturday afternoon saying they would bring important news on which he asked for support.

In a stunning domestic political decision, Mr Clinton chose not to consult with or inform Ronald Dellums, the new chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and a pacifistic California Democrat. He later said the attack mocked international law. Others in Congress approved, as did voters in a quick CNN/*Usa Today* poll, which showed two-thirds of Americans supported the attack.

Mr Clinton got the assurances he wanted from General Powell, a growing force in the Clinton presidency as he prepares to retire into civilian, and perhaps political, after-life. General Powell told the president that destroying the Iraqi intelligence headquarters, records, communications and computer centre was "appropriate, proportional and consistent" with the United Nations charter.

Even Robert Gates, the former director of the CIA in the Bush administration, repeated that phrase in unqualified praise of the decision and its execution.

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Cambridge conclave

NORMAN Lamont and Rosemary, his wife, appear to have been taken in from the political cold. They have been invited by Lamont's old Cambridge chum, Michael Howard, and Sandra, his wife, to a private drinks party at the home secretary's Chelsea home tomorrow night.

Other members of the so-called Cambridge mafia of university friends, including Kenneth Clarke, who stepped with such admirable agility into Lamont's shoes at the Treasury, are also expected to attend the informal gathering. John Gummer seems to be on the Howard's party list but there is a question mark over Sir Norman Fowler. Have he and his wife Fiona been invited to this first great gathering of the government's Cambridge cronies since Major's reshuffle?

Sandra Howard, one of the most popular cabinet spouses, wisely refuses to say. The guest list is private. "It isn't a Cambridge mafia gathering, although some of them will be there," she admits. "One or two perhaps. I would rather not be drawn on who they are. It is a small private gathering of friends."

Even if they have both been invited, there is speculation among MPs over whether Lamont and Fowler would both turn up. Some MPs say that Fowler's diatribe against Lamont, branding his resignation speech "nasty and dud" could have damaged the Cambridge clan irreparably.

It will probably be many years before Lamont and Fowler see eye to eye. But the resumption of the Cambridge mafia parties — where ministers and their wives have taken turns to host informal parties at their homes — is at least a step towards reconciliation among those Cambridge University graduates of the 1960s.

Odds man out

IT DOES not exactly inspire confidence in the BBC's coverage of media affairs. When news broke yesterday that John Humphrys is to take over from Brian Redhead as chief presenter on Radio 4's *Today* programme, the station's media show, *The Radio Programme*, took a rueful look at the book it had opened two weeks ago on Redhead's replacement. It had the leading contenders as James Naughtie (3-1); Michael Buerk (4-1); and Jeremy Paxman (9-2).

Other contenders included Anna Ford and Jenni Murray of *Woman's Hour* but not one mention, sadly, of Humphrys. Mary Sharp, the producer, is unabashed. "We just didn't think it would be someone on the programme," she says. "The fact that we missed it does prove we're independent, I suppose."

● *The Ministry of Defence has impounded a package destined for one of our boys in Vitez. The parcel, from the Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Aldershot, was intercepted by the British Forces Post Office at Feltham. A stiff letter has been sent to the barracks commanding officer pointing out the package requires £10.14 postage; it does not qualify for free stamps. It contains two letters, whisky, sweets, various snacks and a packet of condoms.*

Balls up in the air

THE RECESSION, which caused the cancellation of four May balls in Cambridge and forced colleges to slash ticket prices in Oxford, has forced some radical rethinking. Rather than relying on the impoverished student population, Oxford is considering holding a ball for those who can afford the tickets — the alumni.

The university is pondering the merits of a cross-collegiate ball to raise money for the university, open to former students of all colleges. Kay Homer, the chairman of the Oxford Development Forum, believes the ball would be a good way to encourage wealthy alumni of all ages to help Oxford.

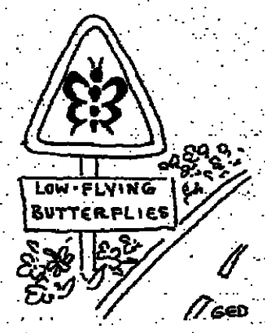
The idea is welcomed tentatively by Dr Peter North, the principal of Jesus College, who takes over as Oxford's vice-chancellor in the autumn. Anthony Smith, president of Magdalen College, applauds the idea. "But I can't imagine it being held in Oxford; there's nowhere big enough to hold it. They'd have to book Grosvenor House, or something."

Out to grass

LITTLE wonder that within weeks of being moved to the transport department Robert Key had launched a scheme to transform 6,000 miles of road verges into flora and fauna havens. Key, a junior minister, first developed an interest in botany and wildlife when, as a master at Harrow School, he was made warden of the school's Nanoose Field Studies Centre in Wool, Dorset.

"It was used by literally hundreds of schoolboys for biology, geography and botany studies," says the former junior heritage minister. "It was a wonderful experience for an economist who had never shown much interest before in botany."

Key has just one regret. The nature reserve he used to run is now a monkey park — let's hope this sets no precedent for our verges.



Curse of Archer

JEFFREY Archer could not have written a better script if he tried. Not only is his latest novel, *Honour Among Thieves*, about Saddam Hussein squaring up to the United States again, but it also details a devastating tomahawk missile attack on Baghdad.

But with Lord Archer's novel, which comes out on July 4, already proving chillingly prophetic, Bill Clinton must be hoping that the rest of the book is wrong. Archer, whose book is being published by HarperCollins, has a menacing message of Saddam defiance.

Tucked away on page 126, Saddam, reflecting on the fact that Margaret Thatcher, Gorbachev and Bush had been swept out of power, says he is still not content "because Bush's place has been taken by this man Clinton who has learnt nothing from his predecessor's mistakes, and who now wishes to challenge my supremacy. I intend to humiliate him. I shall make Clinton and the American people the laughing stock of the world."

Sounds like Archer may have got it right again.

● HELLO! *magazine seems to have learnt its lesson. The gushing glossy, cursed by editorials on couples who boast of their happiness only to split up soon afterwards, features a smiling Duke and Duchess of York on its cover this week. But, unlike many newspapers, the magazine says there is no chance of a reconciliation. Just as well; the couple announced their formal separation yesterday.*

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REMINDER TO PEKING

China must understand that Britain is serious

This Thursday's meeting of the Cabinet's committee on Hong Kong brings together, under the prime minister's chairmanship, the key British players in London, Hong Kong and Peking. It is the sort of occasion the Chinese would, as part of their standard tactics in any negotiation, use to convey an important political message to the other side. That is how John Major should use it.

The meeting is a policy stock-taking at a critical moment in the current talks on changing Hong Kong's electoral system. Peking should be left in no doubt that Britain is entirely serious about its plans to give Hong Kong a more democratic, open and credible system of government in 1995; that the Cabinet and the Foreign Office are squarely behind Mr Patten; and that after six rounds of talks on constitutional reforms for Hong Kong, British patience with Chinese filibustering is reaching its limit.

Mr Patten's strategy, laid out last October, is to protect Hong Kong's autonomy after 1997 by putting legal and constitutional flesh on the binding promises to preserve Hong Kong's way of life contained in the 1984 Sino-British Declaration. His proposals are compatible both with that agreement and with Peking's "basic law" for post-1997 Hong Kong, and have wide public support. He has consistently said that Peking is welcome to put forward its own ideas — provided they are acceptable to Hong Kong's people.

By seizing the policy initiative, Mr Patten undoubtedly infuriated Peking, which has never before had to contend with a "political" governor and has been appalled to find that the worst verbal missiles in its locker have dented neither Mr Patten's popularity nor even the Hong Kong stock market, which has risen sharply since last October. After insisting for seven months that he withdraw his proposals before any talks could take place, China finally agreed in April to negotiate.

In itself this was a signal victory, which vindicated his steadiness under fire. But victory would be turned into resounding defeat if China were to succeed — as it shows every indication of intending — in using the negotiations to demonstrate that Peking has the whip hand even before formally taking over in 1997. The talks were supposed to be concluded by next month. If China is allowed to spin them out beyond September, it will upset the electoral timetable.

Equally important, agreement must not be at the expense of the principle that any electoral arrangement must be fair, open, acceptable to the Hong Kong public and in line with China's promise that "Hong Kong people will rule Hong Kong" after 1997. Nobody pretends that Mr Patten's reforms make for fully democratic government: but they do open the way to furnishing Hong Kong in 1995 with a genuinely independent Legislative Council, whose membership would straddle the handover in 1997.

There is some room for compromise on the precise composition of Hong Kong's Legislative Council — provided that most of its members are elected, whether directly, indirectly via a democratically chosen electoral council, or through what are called "functional constituencies". The franchise must be too broad for the results to be rigged. China may calculate that if it keeps on stalling, Britain will retreat under a suitably face-saving formula: that in the end, it is prepared to finesse its obligations to Hong Kong. Peking cannot be disabused too soon.

London should notify Peking privately that when Mr Patten opens the autumn session of the Legislative Council on October 5, he will either announce that there is agreement or present legislation to incorporate his own proposals into law. Britain has agreed to keep silence on the substance of the talks, if indeed substance there be. But that need not preclude a firm and public defence, this week, of the Patten plan and the principles on which it is based.

POLICING CHANGE

Devolution is the key to police reform

The police reform white paper launched yesterday by Michael Howard, the home secretary, is the first of three major policy statements in the next fortnight. Tomorrow, Sir Patrick Sheehy will deliver his recommendations on police pay and internal management; the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is expected to report next week. The legislation that results from these hefty pronouncements will be the test of the government's intention to make law and order the focus of its domestic policy.

Although the white paper is a slender document, it intitiates the most sweeping reform of the police service since the 1964 Police Act. Its objectives are to devolve control, reduce bureaucracy and enable public and police officers to work together at local level. Easy as it is to sneer at Mr Howard's emphasis on "partnership" between police and citizens as the incidence of vigilante action increases, his administrative approach is basically sound. If public confidence in the police is to be restored, chief constables must indeed be empowered to respond to local needs.

They will therefore be given their own cash-limited budgets and far greater control over resources and manpower. An inner city force mounting a complex gangland investigation may need to spend money on computers; another area facing invasions of New Age travellers will prefer to pay for extra officers. Such decisions cannot be best taken under Whitehall control.

As a corollary, Mr Howard plans to streamline the procedures for amalgamating police forces. Although the government claims to be agnostic on future amalgamation, it is clear that some of the 43 forces in England and Wales will eventually be merged. The result of selective amalgamation should be to slim management and liberate resources to spend on manpower.

As operational responsibility is devolved from Whitehall, police authorities will have to change from talking-shops to semi-professional management teams. Under Mr Howard's plans, authorities will become free-standing bodies with greater responsibility for their forces and a legal obligation to consult the community before setting local strategies. Each authority will have 16 members, of whom eight will be local councillors, three will be locally appointed magistrates, and five will be centrally appointed local notables. This is the most delicate aspect of the proposed reforms. Mr Howard is right that the composition of authorities needed to change as their executive functions increase, but he must not allow them to become Whitehall quangos. The home secretary should devolve the power to appoint and salary police authority chairmen after the first five years of the new system.

He should also reconsider plans for a representative London police authority which have been dropped under pressure from Tory MPs, anxious that the Metropolitan force should not be hijacked by obstreperous councillors from left-wing boroughs. This fear may be legitimate but it says little for Mr Howard's determination to devolve control that he blanched at so surmountable a hurdle and chose instead to create an advisory panel of his own nominees. Withdrawing the original proposal, which had the full support of the Met, seriously undermines the white paper's commitment to decentralisation. For ministers directing change from London, subsidiarity must begin at home.

ON WITH THE DANCE

The death of Commem Balls has been greatly exaggerated

Oxbridge colleges never die. They simply lose their balls. Or so it would appear from the rash of reports of the decline of the May Balls at Cambridge and "Commems" Commemoration Balls) at Oxford.

This June four Cambridge colleges cancelled balls, while others downgraded theirs, slashing ticket prices by cutting back on the champagne and celebrity entertainers. Others were forced to merge. Even the Christ Church ball, which used to be the most glittering of the Commems, has been forced to cut back. Six years ago this was the star of the calendar. Undergraduates from all over the university paid £130 for a double ticket that included champagne, fairground whirligigs, string quartets in the hall, alcohol and concupiscence ad lib, and strawberries and cream for breakfast for those who kept hopping to the end. The extravagant intrusion into the college was resented. Last year Christ Church withdrew from the Commem Ball circuit; and this year its ball has been drastically diminished. Tickets cost £35, with no free champagne, numbers cut, and carriages before dawn.

Amateur sociologists advance various gloomy reasons for this alleged decline in student carousal. That familiar gatecrasher, the recession, is blamed. Students are hard up, in debt, and many of this year's graduates do not have jobs to go to. They are said to be reluctant to sign up for temporary monogamy with a double ticket months ahead, when they may have changed partners by June. Evening dress is seen by some as ostentatious if not politically incorrect. Colleges such as Balliol, famous for their social consciences or bleeding hearts, now organise "events", where the junketing is less lavish, numbers are smaller, and guests buy their own food and drink. In any case, students are uncommercial organisers. There were eventually 16 May Balls in Cambridge this year, trying to sell 16,000 tickets to an undergraduate population of 10,000.

This is all froth on the face of June. Newspapers, fascinated by the distorting shadow of Brideshead, regularly declare that the end of the ball is nigh. Students at the two oldest universities have been exciting comment for their dancing and other extra-curricular activities for centuries, and their best dancers have usually had better heels than heads. Formal balls may be in decline in an age of informality, in the same way that students no longer dance the gay galliard, and ball-room dancing is passé. But those quads and courts are paradisal places for a party, as well as homes of learning. The future lies with diversity, in events as well as formal balls. It is a safe bet that students are going to carry on for centuries yet with their sentimental rite of passage after graduation with celebration, high jinks, bad behaviour, hangovers, while exciting the envious comment of outsiders.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keeping track of party donations

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, Everyone is now clear that the Conservative party uses offshore accounts (report June 18) but does anybody in Conservative Central Office know where every bank account is and how much is in it? I know from my own experience that a large amount of the funds raised on behalf of the Conservative party goes into accounts which are not in the name of the party. This applies not only overseas but also to accounts in the United Kingdom. Is it possible, therefore, that some of the funds never reach their true destination, and if they do not, who is to know, and who would complain?

In my written submission last month to the Home Affairs Select Committee on the funding of political parties I recommended that a registrar of political organisations should be appointed (similar to the Charity Commissioners) to keep a statutory register of all organisations raising money for political purposes, with powers to ask for organisations so registered to publish an audited balance sheet and income and expenditure account, which would be filed with the registrar.

The time for some regulation in these matters is long overdue. The current position is untenable.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. STRAFFORD
(Member, Conservative Board of Finance, 1989-92),
Perama, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
June 28.

From Mr L. M. Harris

Sir, Surely a donation is anonymous only when the recipient is unaware of the identity of the donor.

Yours faithfully,
L. M. HARRIS,
15 Clifton Terrace,
Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr J. S. Davies

Sir, That a political party should return donations if it discovers that the money has been stolen seems to me to be based on questionable morality. If someone gives me money which I later discover to have been stolen, I would have thought that my first duty would be to report it to the nearest police station.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. SELWYN DAVIES,
12 Tyrwhitt Crescent,
Roath Park, Cardiff.
June 23.

From Professor F. H. Hilliard

Sir, Could we now have a leak about the identity of the leaker(s) who directed the dirty tricks campaign at Mr Mates?

Yours faithfully,
F. H. HILLIARD,
41 Ebbisham Drive, Eaton, Norwich.

Bosnian shambles

From Mr Martin Bracken

Sir, I am amazed and dismayed that, as a consequence of the continuing Bosnian shambles that European governments call a policy, you suggest the sacking of the US Secretary of State (leading article, June 23).

We in Europe are guilty of standing by and watching as an entire people are driven from their homes, raped and murdered, with no intention of stopping the perpetrators.

The Americans have, in response to our inaction, suggested the only two options likely to stop the massacre, air strikes and arming the Muslims, only to be told they do not understand the problem.

This problem was and is a European one and we have failed spectacularly in our response. If a scapegoat is needed to ease European consciences, I suggest you are looking on the wrong continent.

Yours faithfully,
M. BRACKEN,
The Croft, 146 Chelmer Road,
Chelmsford, Essex.

Helping hands?

From Ms Helen Redmond-Cooper and Mrs Jeanne Kerr

Sir, As founding members of The Financial Acumen of a Gerbil Society we note with interest the recent failures at Lloyd's. Since qualification for membership includes the verifiable market loss of at least £10,000, we are confident of an injection of new blood.

Naturally, references are required, preferably from debt collectors or official sequestrators, but the benefits of membership are legion. We offer a full counselling service to all avaricious fools, regardless of race, gender or IQ. Sadly we cannot provide a telephone helpline at present owing to limited person power (i.e., we're often both out at the same time).

Yours faithfully,
HELEN REDMOND-COOPER,
JEANNE KERR,
51/14 Cockburn Street,
Edinburgh 1.

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Dangers of overcrowding in prisons

From Mr J. C. Lewis

Sir, Sadly it is not government ministers who will have to cope with the predicted surge in the prison population (Mr R. G. Ford's letter, June 21) but the prison service, which must take all those committed to its charge.

The effect of the quick political fix in changes to the Criminal Justice Act will be a rise of several thousand in the prison population at a time when local and remand prisons, including HMP Manchester (Strangeways), are still overcrowded.

Boards of visitors, with 1,800 members spread throughout the 129 prisons, have witnessed and encouraged the recent reforms undertaken with great determination by all within the prison service, from the much maligned prison officers to the directors-general.

If this surge in the prison population takes place, these reforms will come to an abrupt halt, conditions will quickly deteriorate and there will be trouble.

I ask the sentencers to think thrice before imposing a custodial sentence. Surely it cannot be too late for ministers to have a mature re-think.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. LEWIS
(Chairman, Boards of Visitors Co-ordinating Committee),
Comp Barn, Winton Street,
Alfriston, nr Polegate,
East Sussex.
June 21.

From the Chairman of the Prison Governors Association

Sir, Mr R. G. Ford correctly identified overcrowding as the greatest danger to prison reform. Prison governors would strongly endorse his concerns.

For more than a decade we have called for the tasks and resources of the prison service to be brought into balance. Since 1990 considerable progress has been made. Yet in a few months much of this good work could be undone.

An upsurge in the prison population is now taking place. The continuing rise is already diverting a great deal of management energy away from improving prisons to simply surviving. Conditions and standards in those prisons facing population pressures are starting to slip. If the trend continues the outlook is bleak.

The decisions before our legislators amending the Criminal Justice Act are crucial. If the prison service is to be required to hold higher numbers of prisoners, we consider that legislative changes should be phased in so that additional accommodation can first be found for extra prisoners. A failure to heed this advice increases the danger of a repetition of the situation I faced on April 1, 1990, at Strangeways.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDAN O'FRIEL,
Chairman,
Prison Governors Association,
Horseferry House,
Dean Ryle Street, SW1.

Elephant survival

From Dr Richard Leakey

Sir, Even from my hospital bed I was surprised at the certainty with which Simon Jenkins ("Welcome back the hunter", June 19) embraced Raymond Bonner's theories on preserving the African elephant (Mr William Travers's letter, June 25). I am glad that Mr Jenkins is an elephant enthusiast and "contrives a journey to some African waterhole" from time to time. His arguments (or Mr Bonner's) are, however, flawed.

He refers to the fall in the price of ivory, following the 1989 ivory ban, as costing Africa "some $50 million in hard currency". I can assure him that the cost would have been immeasurably greater if the slaughter of elephants by organised gangs of poachers had continued. The bottom would have been knocked out of Africa's tourism industries. Tourism is Kenya's largest foreign exchange earner, for a start.

The campaign to halt the ivory trade, and the subsequent fall in the price of ivory, was a key factor in winning the battle against poaching and saving the African elephant, which was why the public burning by President Moi of Kenya's poached stocks of ivory was such an important signal to the world.

Mr Jenkins deludes himself if he believes the slaughter of elephant would somehow cease at the Zimbabwe border if poaching revived. Three years ago there were nearly 2,000 black rhino in the Zambesi valley alone — and Zimbabwe was held up as the last bastion of the species. Not any more: the price of rhino horn has remained high and the black rhino in Zimbabwe has been greatly reduced. Perhaps 300 are left. In Kenya, our black rhino population, due to constant vigilance, has grown to nearly 500.

Mr Jenkins should ponder this fact the next time he pauses at an African waterhole.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LEAKEY
(Director, Kenya Wildlife Service),
c/o Raitt Orr & Associates,
34 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
June 25.

Greek and Turk

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir, Commentators on recent events in northern Cyprus do themselves no favours by larding their commentaries with a range of insults to a people known for their pride.

Lord Bethell (letter, June 25) at least eschews some of the ruder epithets. And yet he assumes a position of strength from which any foundation in realpolitik is entirely lacking when he asserts that "... I do not think the British government ought to tolerate these illegalities any longer".

One does not have to be a partisan of either side to observe that Greek and Turk mix, as a generality, about as well as oil and water. In its brief existence, the unitary republic of Cyprus was as artificial a creation as its flag — a map of the island with a couple of crossed olive branches thrown in for luck.

It didn't last, because it couldn't — an historical truth which should not be obscured by the fact that the Greeks are good at the art of public relations, whilst the Turks are indifferent to (and at) it.

As to the "of course" in Lord Bethell's reference to "Turkish citizens, who, of course, require entry visas" to Britain — there is no of course about it. It is deeply resented in Turkey, and is unlikely to be featured in a Turkish edition of "How to make friends and influence people".

Yours faithfully,
OSMAN STREATER,
Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1.
June 25.

Living with hope

From Miss Ruth C. Wade

Sir, I am a 22-year-old leading a full life who has been a bone cancer patient for four and a half years. Whilst I appreciate that Jeremy Laurance is trying to emphasise the extremely disturbing facts of wrongful diagnosis, the title of his article, "A child feels death's chill" (June 22), and his phraseology, "a death sentence", are distressing and, more importantly, medically inaccurate.

My consultant oncologist tells me the cure rate for osteosarcoma is now 60 to 70 per cent. Many children and young people are therefore surviving the disease. Please God, the figure will soon rise to 100 per cent.

Thanking you for your very kind attention, I am,
Yours faithfully,
RUTH C. WADE,
41/4 Parkside Terrace, Edinburgh 16.

Units of justice

From Mr J. A. Davis

Sir, You report (June 21) in a front-page article on "black boxes" for cars that unit fines are about to be abolished. Is one to assume from this that you regard Parliament, as did Mr Kenneth Clarke when home secretary, as a mere rubber stamp for *The Times* and the Magistrates' Association?

The unit fines scheme was just but was ineptly implemented. Parliament got it right; the Magistrates' Association got it wrong. It is to be hoped that Parliament will realise this and stick to its guns.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. DAVIS
(Justices' clerk,
Kingston upon Thames, 1981-92),
54 Woodlands Road,
Bookham, Surrey.

Racism and diet

From Mr James McNicholas

Sir, Mr Elfer (letter, June 16) is confused. Because I prefer Yorkshire pudding to curry it does not mean that I think my culture is superior. It means I dislike curry. I also dislike snails and frogs' legs.

After 40 years of professional observation of children I am convinced that they have no racial prejudices unless they are infected by parents, teachers or, of course, local authorities feeding foreign food to them.

Most people everywhere eat the food that grows best in their country and best suits their digestion, taste and climate. It has nothing to do with racism.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES McNICHOLAS,
32 Willow Crescent,
Great Houghton, Northampton.
June 16.

Well worn

From Mr Peter Fernie

Sir, John Patten is to be congratulated on still being able to use his 20-year-old dinner-jacket (Diary, June 25), but mine beats his hands down. In its 30-year history, it has attended four Oxford commems (two without paying), three May balls, two smoking concerts — stag nights for which Oxford used to be notorious — two boat club suppers, three rugby club dinners, two total immersions, assorted hunt balls and innumerable more respectable happenings.

It still fits me but doesn't bear too close an inspection. Off the peg in Leeds, £25.

Yours etc,
PETER FERNIE,
Tawin House, Tawin Island,
Oranmore, co Galway,
Republic of Ireland.

Call for ban on mahogany trade

From Mr Charles Secrett and others

Sir, A campaign was launched a year ago calling for a moratorium on the import of Brazilian mahogany. Mahogany-cutters in Brazil were shown to be operating illegally inside 46 Indian reserves in the Amazon. In eight of these reserves, Indians had been murdered by the cutters when they tried to impede their operations.

The Brazilian government's national Indian Foundation announced that most of the mahogany entering Britain was of illegal origin. Unable to stop the loggers, who are well armed and well financed, from working in the reserves, it urged the British government to stop the trade.

Since then the DIY chain B&Q, recognising that the trade was costing human lives and promoting the destruction of protected forest, has stopped purchasing Brazilian mahogany. The largest timber importer in Scotland, M. and N. Norman, has followed suit. The three largest companies supplying the British market are currently subject to a Brazilian court injunction against their exploitation of Indian reserves.

As Britain is one of the two main importers of Brazilian mahogany, British consumers are unwittingly taking part in a trade whose morality and legality have been compared by Brazilian officials to drug-smuggling. Is it not time to bring this embarrassment to an end?

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES SECRETT
(Director, Friends of the Earth),
MARCUS COLCHESTER
(The World Rainforest Movement),
STEPHEN CORRY
(Director-General, Survival International),
GEORGE MEDLEY (Director, World Wide Fund for Nature — UK),
PETER MELCHETT
(Executive Director, Greenpeace UK),
GEORGE MONBIOT
(Visiting Fellow, Green College, Oxford),
JONATHON PORRITT,
TRACY WORCESTER,
Green College Centre for Environmental Policy and Understanding,
Green College,
at the Radcliffe Observatory,
Oxford.
June 21.

Sale of woodlands

From the Chairman of the Association of Professional Foresters

Sir, My association believes that the government's forestry review group should not be making any recommendations about the future ownership and management of Forestry Commission woodlands and that the status quo should be maintained (letters, June 21, 23, 26).

Forest Enterprise, the commission's commercial arm, is aiming to break even or make a profit by 1995-6. It should be given the chance to prove that it can do so before any review is considered.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID A. OGG
(Chairman, Association of Professional Foresters),
Prospect Forestry Ltd.
Prospect Garth,
Westgate, Thornton Dale,
Pickering, North Yorkshire.
June 26.

Medical school case

From Dr Patrick Hall-Smith

Sir, Professor Emeritus Philip Rhodes (letter, June 24) recalls that when he was dean of St Thomas' Medical School (1968-74) he urged that the hospital should move out of London to Canterbury.

Brighton consultants, in a letter to *The Lancet* (January 8, 1966), and on many subsequent occasions, made a case for a medical school in association with the University of Sussex.

Brighton has a catchment area of 300,000, and a population of one million within a 20-mile radius; a consultant staff of more than 120, many of whom have been appointed within the past ten years.

The University of Sussex and the new Brighton University both possess active medical research departments. Medical students from London attend Brighton hospitals for some of their clinical training.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HALL-SMITH,
30 The Drive,
Hove, Sussex.
June 25.

Slap of the tongue

From Mr Charles Gordon

Sir, Tarquin Olivier (letter, June 25) suggests some proper names to fill a gap in the English tongue.

What about "lamontable" — sticking to office well after the adhesive has worn out; or "matesy" — having dubious friends; or "mellored" — deservedly mediated out of government; or "majoring" — demonstrating sincere but declining support for a sinking colleague?

And what about a "howeler" — a minister's personal resignation statement?

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES GORDON,
28 Eaton Mansions, Cliveden Place,
Sloane Square, SW1.
June 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

HOLYROODHOUSE
June 28: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received in the Forecourt of the Palace of Holyroodhouse by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and members of the City of Edinburgh District Council, when the Rt Hon the Lord Provost surrendered to Her Majesty the Keys of the City, which The Queen returned to him.

A Guard of Honour found by the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, under the command of Major Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, was mounted in the Forecourt.

The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on duty.

The following are in attendance: the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain), the Countess of Airlie and the Lady Susan Hussey (Ladies in Waiting), the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes (Private Secretary to The Queen), Major-General Sir Simon Cooper (Master of the Household), Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross (Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office), Sir Kenneth Scott (Deputy Private Secretary), Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson (Deputy Master of the Household), Mr John Haslam (Deputy Press Secretary), Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Mather (Secretary, Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood and Assistant Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) and Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF (Equerry to The Duke of Edinburgh).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, this morning opened an *exhibition* of the Honours of Scotland at Edinburgh Castle and was received by the Governor of the Castle (Major-General Michael Scott, General Officer Commanding Scotland) who surrendered to The Queen the Keys of the Castle, which Her Majesty returned to him.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, viewed St Margaret's Chapel, escorted by the Rev Charles Robertson (Minister, Canongate Kirk, and President and Chairman, St Margaret's Chapel Guild).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, afterwards was received with a salute at Forewall Battery.

The Queen subsequently unveiled a commemorative stone in Crown Square.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then viewed the exhibition, escorted by Mr Graeme Munro (Director, Historic Scotland) and Mr Christopher Tabraham (Principal Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic Scotland).

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt Hon Ian Lang, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland), Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later attended a reception given by the Commonwealth Institute (Scotland) in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse to mark the centenary of the institute and were received by Sir Mark Russell (Chairman) and Mr Charles Carroll (Director).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by the Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs Lang at Bute House, Edinburgh.

The Countess of Airlie and the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr James Elms at a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Bobby Moore which was held in Westminster Abbey, London SW1 today.

The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, was represented by Mr Timothy Rice.

The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, was represented by Sir Bert Millichip.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 28: The Prince Edward today opened the Fitness Gallery at the Savoy, 1 Savoy Hill, London WC2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 28: The Princess Royal this morning opened the KG Ethylene Project, BP Chemicals Limited, Grangemouth Site, Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Lieutenant-Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the 3rd International Sheep Veterinary Conference at Heriot Watt University and was received by Brigadier Frank Coutts (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh).

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new extension of The Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Fife (the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine Kt).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the Save the Children Fund Shop, 241 High Street, Kirkcaldy.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Citizens' Advice Scotland, afterwards visited Levenmouth Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wellesley Road, Methil.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a dinner for the International Olympic Committee members at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 28: The Prince of Wales, Patron, National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, gave a reception this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 28: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, today was present at the Grand Prior's Advisory Council at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London EC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships and later attended drinks with the Committee at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the visit to Great Britain by members of the International Olympic Committee.

St Paul's Girls' School

The Governors have appointed Miss J. Gough, MA, as High Mistress. The appointment will take immediate effect. Miss Gough has been Acting High Mistress since September 1992.

Memorial services

Mr Bobby Moore
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr James Elms, Prince Edward by Mr Tim Rice and the Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, by Sir Bert Millichip, Chairman of the Football Association, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Bobby Moore held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, precentor. Canon John Cox and Canon John Caldicott led the prayers. Mr Jonathan Pearce and Mr Franz Beckenbauer read the lessons. Mr Michael Parkinson read from Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*. Mr Jimmy Tarbuck and Mr Bobby Charlton gave addresses.

Canon Colin Semper and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, chaplain and sacrist, were robed and in the sacrarium.

An extract from Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme's 1966 World Cup final commentary was played during the service. Mr Moore's international cap from the 1966 World Cup final, his 1964 FA Cup Winners' Cup medal, his 1965 European Cup Winners' medal, his Order of the British Empire medal and his 1966 World Cup Winners' medal were borne in procession from the nave to the altar by Mr Carl Weaver, Mr Ryan Weaver, Mr Austin Hardwick and Mr Lloyd Hardwick.

The Secretary of State for National Heritage was represented by Mr Anthony Steen, MP. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and her Consort and Mr Tom Pendry, MP, HM Opposition Minister for Sport, attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Moore (widow), Mr Dean Moore (son), Miss Roberta Moore (daughter), Miss Poppy Moore (granddaughter), Mr Fred Buckle, Mrs Georgina Herbert, Mrs Dora Englefield, Mrs Beatrice Hardwick, Mrs Tina Moore, Mrs Phillip Englefield, Mrs Enid Weaver, Mrs Graham Hardwick, Mrs Jeanette Vickers, Mr Peter Buckle, Ms Sara Day.

Sir Walter Winterbottom (honorary vice-president, Football Association) with Mr R H G Kelly (chief executive); Lady Miller, Mr Gordon Banks, Mr and Mrs Ray Wilson, Mr Roger Hunt, Mr and Mrs Martin Peters, Mr and Mrs Alan Ball, Mr and Mrs Jack Charlton, Mr and Mrs Geoff Hurst, Mr and Mrs Nobby Stiles, Mrs Bobby Charlton, Mr and Mrs George Cohen, Mr Jimmy Greaves, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Allison, Mr and Mrs Noel Cantwell, Mr Brian Dear, Mr Bob Bevan, Mr and Mrs P Mayhew, Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, Mr M Murphy, Mrs Ziggy Winters, Mr Phil Beal, Mr Martin Chivers, Mr Trevor Brooking, Mr Dave Watson, Mr David James, Mr and Mrs P Moore, Mr Terry Venables, Mr Kenny Lynch, Mr and Mrs Mike Summerbee, Mr Frankie Vaughan, Mr Geoff Powell, Mr and Mrs Henry Cooper, Mrs Jonathan Pearce, Mr and Mrs Bob Wilson, Mr and Mrs Ian St John, Mr George Best, Mr Rodney Marsh, Mrs Michael Parkinson, Mrs L Dixon, Mr Bobby Campbell, Mrs M Cave, Mr Dickie Davies, Mr Kent Gavin, Mr Bill Hagerty, Commissioner Dinsdale Pender (Salvation Army) and Mrs Pender, Mr Billy Bragg, Mrs Michael Mayne, Mrs R Subba-Row.

Mr David H Will (Fifa), Mr W G McKeag and Mr J D Dent (Football League) with Mr Steve Sutherland (marketing division); Mr Gordon Taylor and Mr Brendon Batson (Professional Footballers Association), Mr Peter Lee, Mr Richard Faulkner, Mr Phil Jenner, Mr Pat Finney and Mr John Reames (Football Trust), Mr Norman Jacobs (Football Licensing Authority), Mr Alex Montgomery and Mr and Mrs Dennis Signy (Football Writers' Association); Mr David Stacey (Football Programme Directory), Mr R W Rush (South East Counties League), Mr Morris Jeffers (Essex County Football Association), Mr Michael Holland (Kingston and District Football League), Mrs Monica Hartland (National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs), Mr I D Todd (Sunderland AFC Supporters' Association), Mr Colin Deaton (Colin Deaton's International World of Sports Agency) and Mrs Deaton, Mr C S Rebak (London Football Association), Mr Harry Greenway, MP (Conservative Parliamentary Sports Committee), Captain Hugh Peers (Sparks Charity), Mr S Fortescue (International Cancer Relief Fund), Mr David James (National League of Boys' Clubs), Ms Pat Pearce (Dreamflight), Mr Gerry Stevens (Variety Club of Great Britain).

Mr Terry Brown (West Ham Football Club) with Mr Peter Storrie, Mr Billy Bonds and other members of the club; Mr Don Mackay (Fulham Football Club), Mr P D Hill Wood, Mr D B Dein, Mr G Graham and Mr K Friar (Arsenal Football Club), Mr Colin Bell and Mr Tony Book (Manchester City Football Club), Mr Dave Bassett (Sheffield United Football Club), Mr John Mortimore and Mr Ray Graydon (Southampton Football Club), Mr Ray Hardman and Mr Jon Pollard (Swindon Town Football Club), Mr and Mrs G A Smith, Mr and Mrs E Plumley and Mr and Mrs B Blower (Watford Football Club), Mr Barry Lloyd (Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club), Mr Frank Clark (Leyton Orient Football Club), Mr V T Jobson, Mr J W Adams and Mr Barry Fry (Southend United Football Club) and representatives of Chelsea, Queen's Park Rangers, Tottenham Hotspur, Wimbledon, Derby County, Crystal Palace, Oxford City, Portsmouth, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Huddersfield Town, Billericay Town, Dagenham and Redbridge, Ely City, Gravesend and Northfleet, Hornchurch, Kidderminster Harriers, Leyton, Margate, Sutton United and Wembley football clubs; Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, English Schools, Essex County, London, Middlesex County and Oxfordshire county football associations; and the Diadora, Essex Senior, South East Counties, Southern Amateur, Spartan and Suburban football leagues.

Lord Briginshaw
A memorial service for Lord Briginshaw will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on June 30, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.E. Ansell and Miss T.M. Odell
The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Ansell, of Coln St Aldwyns, Gloucestershire, and Tessa, younger daughter of Mr Derek Odell, of Putney, London, and Mrs Jenny Odell, of Chipstead, Surrey.

Mr N.D. Craven and Miss B.A. Nelson
The engagement is announced between Nick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dominic Craven, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Bronwen, elder daughter of the late Edmund Nelson and of Mrs Dorothy Nelson, of Cape Town.

Mr J.P.H. Entwisle and Miss S.E. Mitcheson
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Entwisle, of Moccas, Herefordshire, and Sandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Mitcheson, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.L.R. Fincham and Miss C.L.F. Linehan
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr Arthur Fincham and the late Mrs Joan Fincham, of Beckenham, Kent, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr Frank Linehan and the late Mrs Evelyn Linehan, of Terenure, Dublin.

Mr J.D.B. McGrigor and Miss C. Alun-Jones
The engagement is announced between James Drysdale Buchanan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Angus McGrigor, of Warningore House, Plumpton, Sussex, and Carella, eldest daughter of Sir Derek and Lady Alun-Jones, of Effingham, Surrey.

Mr R.I. MacGuffog and Miss M.J. Courtauld
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald MacGuffog, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Martha, daughter of the late Mr Peter Courtauld and of Mrs S.M. Courtauld, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr G.D. Reynolds and Miss K.L. Griffith
The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Ralph Reynolds, of Northington, Hampshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Griffith, of Cleeve Hill, Gloucestershire.

Mr A. Saveliev and Miss J.C. Olsen
The engagement is announced between Andrei, son of Mr and Mrs Garen Saveliev, of Saratov, and Jane Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Olsen, of Saffron Walden. The marriage will take place in Moscow in October followed by a reception in London at Christmas.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Roger Holmes, Rector, Ditchingham, Hedenham and Broome (Norwich): to be Vicar, Helmsley (York).
The Rev John Kelly, Vicar, St John w St Mark, Bury: to be Vicar, St George w St Alban, Rochdale (Manchester).
The Rev Derek Mellors, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Lowton: to be Vicar, St Thomas, Ashton-in-Makerfield (Liverpool).
The Rev Mark Melluish, Curate, St Giles and St George, Ashstead (Guildford): to be Vicar, St Paul, Northfields (London).
The Rev Eric Norris, Regional Appeals Manager for the Church of England Children's Society in the North East: to be Rector, Thirsk Team Ministry, and Vicar, St Mary's, Thirsk (York).
The Rev Stephen Osman, until recently Assistant Curate, Newbarns w Hawcoat (Carlisle): to be Team Vicar, Marfleet Team Ministry, w special responsibility for St Philip's, Bilton Grange (York).
The Rev William Rowell, Rector, St Bartholomew, Norton in the Moors (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Minsterley, and St Mary, Habberley (Hereford).
The Rev Alan Sharpe, Vicar, Hove St Patrick: now *also* Prebend of Colworth in Chichester Cathedral (Chichester).
The Rev Bill Simms, Curate, Richmond w Hudswell, and Curate-in-charge, Downholme and Marske: to be Vicar, Hawes w Hardraw (Ripon).
The Rev John Stride, Vicar, Tockswood (Norwich): to be Assistant Chaplain, HM Prison, Armley, (Ripon).
The Rev Ray Whelan, Curate, Eastbourne St Andrew: to be Priest-in-charge, Chichester St Wilfrid Conventional District (Chichester).
The Rev Barry Wilson, Curate (NSM), Leek and Meerbrook (Lichfield): to be Curate, St James, Styvechale (Coventry).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Frank Bowyer, Rector, Emmanuel, Holcombe (Manchester): to retire as from August 1.
The Rev Samuel Cartwright, Vicar, Christ Church, Ashton Under Lyne (Manchester): to retire as from September 30.
The Rev Richard Chatham, Rector, Overstrand (Norwich): to retire as from July 31.
The Rev John Cossar, Rector, Slindon w Eartham and Madehurst (Chichester): to retire as from June 30.
The Rev Canon Colin Craston, Rector, St Paul w Emmanuel, Bolton (Manchester): to retire as from November 30.
The Rev Maxwell Fargus, Vicar, Rudson w Boynton and Kilham (York): to retire as from July 1.

Sir Rex Hunt, former governor of the Falkland Islands, is 67 today

Birthdays today

The Duchess of Bedford, 73; Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, 82; the Hon Charlotte Bingham, writer, 51; Lord Cornwallis, 72; Mr David Donaldson, painter, 77; Sir Frank Gibb, former chairman, Taylor Woodrow Group, 66; Lady Greengross, director, Age Concern England, 58; Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, 62; Viscount Kemsley, 84; Mr Rafael Kubelik, conductor, 79; Vice-Admiral Sir John Roxburgh, 74; Miss Nancy Sandars, archaeologist, 79; Sir David Woodbine Parish, former chairman, City and Guilds of London Institute, 82; Mr Geoffrey Woolley, journalist, 78.

Marriages

Sir Ian Fraser and Mrs F. Douglas-Home
The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, June 25, of Sir Ian James Fraser, CBE, MC, and Mrs Fiona Douglas-Home. Nuptial Mass was celebrated at The Little Oratory, Brompton Road, by Father Ronald Creighton-Jobe.

Mr M.G. Inge-Innes-Lillingston and Mrs R. Bale
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 26, at St Mary's Church, Newton Regis, between Michael Inge-Innes-Lillingston and Rosemary Bale. The Rev Stanley Marriott officiated, assisted by Prebendary Albert Edwards.

The bride was attended by Miss Paula Bale, Miss Julia Robinson, Kyla Owen and Mia Inge-Innes-Lillingston. Mr Hugh Inge-Innes-Lillingston was best man.

The reception was held at Thorpe Hall and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Mr H.R.P. Chelton and Miss S. Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 26, at St Mary's Church, Steeple Barton, between Mr Hugo Chelton, youngest son of Captain and Mrs L.W.L. Chelton, of Hatch Beauchamp, and Miss Sarah Russell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Russell, of Middle Barton, Oxfordshire. The Rev A.W. Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Victoria Russell, Alice Hall and Katie Russell. Mr Hugo Day was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr W.R.M. Graham and Miss K.E. Clemo
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 26, at St Giles's, Great Hallingbury, of Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Graham, of Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire, to Kendra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Clemo, of Manila, Philippines. The Rev Terry Low officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Oriel and Annabel Graham, Lara Pullen, the bride's nephew Christopher, and Elizabeth Gilbey. Mr Rupert Krefting was best man.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: D.P. Lashbrooke - Yeovilton 10.12.93
COMMANDER: B.R. Davies - Sultan 15.10.93; R.L.P. Jones - Nato Belgium 19.10.93; J.G. Malec - MOD London 27.09.93; C. McAleese - Portsmouth 12.12.93; P.M. Reynolds - Staff of FONA 10.12.93; D.B. Roberts - MOD London 10.08.93
Retirements
CAPTAIN: J.P. Cardale - 29.07.93
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): J.R.T. Hayward - 15.09.93
CHAPLAIN: P.S. Gale - 12.09.93

The Army
MAJOR GENERALS: F.B. Mayes to Army Medical Directorate as DGAMS
BRIGADIERS: D.H. Coombe to QEMH as CO; I.R. Haywood to Ram College as DA SURG
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: L.J. Murray QARANC to RHQ QARANC; S.N. Saggar to DKMH Catterick.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: K.H. Minton - to MOD 28.6.93
GROUP CAPTAIN: C.S. Thomas - to MOD 25.6.93;
WING COMMANDER: P.J. Daybell - to RAF Wyton 28.6.93; N. Branagh - to RAF Cosford 28.6.93; D.W. Knowles - to RAF Laarbruch 28.6.93; T.J. Nias - to MOD AFD/D of SM1/SM2 28.6.93.

Legal appointment

Professor Penelope Pearce to be a member of the Legal Aid Board.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 11.00; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will dine with the Royal Company of Archers at Archers' Hall, Edinburgh, at 8.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend receptions in the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 11.30 and 3.00 for young people who have achieved the gold standard.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Own Hussars, will attend a reception given by the regiment in St James's Palace at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales will visit Kielder Forest at 11.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Chicken Shed Theatre Company, will attend a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel at 12.30; and, as Patron of the Trust for Sick Children in Wales, will attend a gala opening night of the Kirov Ballet's *Romeo and Juliet* at the London Coliseum at 7.25.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the British Nutrition Foundation, will attend the 1993 conference at the Royal College of Physicians at 9.30; and, as President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a service at St Michael Paternoster Royal at 11.30.

Princess Margaret, as Master of the Bench, will open a flower festival in Lincoln's Inn Chapel at 2.30 in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and legal charities.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Medical Women's Federation, will open the Medical Women's International Association Northern European Regional Congress at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, at 10.30; will visit the Hospice of St Peter and St James, Wivelsfield Green, at 1.50; and will open the community swimming pool at Fingston Broadway, Shoreham by Sea, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Menswear Guild, will visit John Smedley at Rands Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster, at 11.15; will visit Mott MacDonald, Mott MacDonald House, St Mary's Road, Sheffield, at 12.05; as President of the Football Association, will visit the Hillsborough Community Development Trust memorial garden, Holme Lane, Sheffield, at 1.25; and, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Andy Thornton Architectural Antiques at Ainley's Industrial Estate, Elland, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the lawn tennis championship meeting at Wimbledon at 1.50.

Luncheons

Air Force Board
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a luncheon given by the Air Force Board Standing Committee yesterday at Admiralty House to mark the retirement of Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson and Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin and the apointment of Air Vice-Marshal Timothy Garden to Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Programmes).

Rotary Club of London
Mr Neville Shulman, President of the Rotary Club of London, spoke at its luncheon held at the London Marriott Hotel yesterday on "Zen In The Art Of Climbing Mountains". Also present were the Ambassadors of Guatemala, Iceland, Romania, Senegal, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Mr Ernest Muhlen, Mr Michael Fenton, Mr Ken Standish and Mr Paul Winner.

Institute of Mathematics

The following were elected to fellowship of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (and thereby Chartered Mathematician status) in January-June 1993:

Dr K Allen, R Allpress, R J Anderson, B Ashmore, Dr R D Baker, Professor A M de Paor, N Edwards, Professor D Elliott, Dr G A Evans, Dr R G Flood, A Grant, Professor B F Gray, Dr A J Haggett, Professor J R Hubbuck, Mrs E Hundy, Dr M Keech, Professor G A Kriegsmann, Dr P M Lynch, D D V Morgan, Professor A O Moscardini, Dr F K Muregi, Dr K I Noor, Dr R S Overton, Dr A J Peace, Dr J D Perkins, R A Perkins, J A Price, Dr J M Putney, Dr W R Rodwell, Dr C T Shaw, Professor I N Stewart, T A Westwell, Professor B R Williams, Dr J M Wilson, Y K Wong, Dr J Wrigley.

New chairman

Sir Michael Alexander has been elected chairman of the Royal United Services Institute, succeeding General Sir Martin Farndale.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Williams, missionary, London, 1796; Giacomo Leopardi, poet, Recanati, Italy, 1798; Mortimer Collins, writer, Plymouth, 1827; William James Mayo, surgeon, Le Sueur, Minnesota, 1861; George Ellery Hale, astronomer who made pioneer studies of the Sun, Chicago, 1868.

DEATHS: Valentine Green, mezzotint engraver, London, 1813; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet, Florence, 1861; Adolphe Monticelli, painter, Marseilles, 1886; Thomas Henry Huxley, scientist and humanist, Eastbourne, 1895; Paul Klee, painter, Muralto-Locarno, 1940; Ignace Paderewski, pianist, composer and prime minister of Poland 1919, New York, 1941; Primo Carnera, boxer, Sequals, Italy, 1967; Moise Tshombe, prime minister of The Congo 1964-65, Algiers, 1969.

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BIRTHS

AARON - On June 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Varda and David, a beautiful son, a brother for Salomon and Jonathon.

BASSANINI - Alexander is born at The Portland Hospital on 27th June 1993 at 3.29. Mom, Dad, Sister and Grandparents welcome you.

BOTT - On June 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Born) and Charles, a beautiful daughter, Lucy, a sister for Alexandra and Natasha.

BRODSKY - Scott and Hilary are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Samuel Edward Benjamin on 27th June 1993. Many thanks to the Doctors and staff at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital.

BYRNE - On June 22nd, to Mary (née McEwen) and Patrick, a daughter, Rosanna Clare, a sister for Elliot.

CARLESS - To Andrew and Helen, a daughter, Isabel Anna born June 22nd, a sister for Henry.

CHARTRES - On 28th June 1993, to Caroline (née McLintock) and Richard Carew Chartres, a daughter, Clio Catherine Victoria, a sister for Alexander, Sophie and Louis.

DICKENSON - On June 24th, to Bridget (née Birse) and Regan, a daughter, Ruth Eleanor, a sister for Katherine.

ELLIS-REES - On 19th June 1993 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Samantha (née Angel) and James, a daughter, Phoebe Violet.

ENDO - On June 22nd at the Wellington Hospital, to Keiko and Katsutoshi, first son Hiroshi James.

GASKELL - On June 21st 1993, to Catherine (née Evans) and David, a son, Angus Hugh.

GLADSTONE - To Nicki (née Playfair) and Rob, on 21st June 1993, a daughter, Rosie Lindsay, at Q.C.H.

HALEY - On June 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Kathleen (née Powers) and Steven, a wonderful son, Christopher, a brother for Matthew and Courtney.

HAMER - On June 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Louella (née Crommelin) and Jeremy, a daughter, Eliza Grace, a sister for Zoë and Lydia.

HORNER - On 26th June, to Elizabeth (née Grant) and Jeremy, a son, Edward Jonathan Nelson.

HOWELL - On 15th June 1993, to Jane Elizabeth (née Henderson) and Andrew, a daughter, Emily-Jane. Many thanks to the wonderful staff on Bethan Ward, Llandough Maternity Unit, Cardiff.

HUDDART - On June 27th, to Julia and Tim, a son, Thomas Andrew Alderley, a brother for Annabel.

KRAFTMAN - On June 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Liz and Paul, a son, Samuel Blake, a brother for Rachel and James.

LEAKEY - On 26th June 1993 in Inverness, to Billie and Charles, a son (Sam), brother for Tomas.

LLEWELLEN PALMER - On June 22nd at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, to Alexandra and Julian, a daughter, Josephine.

MACNEAL - On 25th June, to Hector and Amelia (née Bicknell), a son, Torquil.

McGINN - On June 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Trudi (née Roberts) and Alistair, a beautiful splendid daughter, Abbey Louise.

RAISON - On May 29th, to Sharon and Jeremy, a daughter, Katherine Mackenzie.

RAHSON - On June 26th, to Luisella and Rupert, a son, Thomas John Pietro.

SEBBA - On 26th June, to Anne (née Rubinstein) and Mark, a daughter, Imogen Nicola Joan, a sister for Adam and Amy.

SMITH - On June 26th to Nicolas and Yumi, in Tokyo, a son, Taro.

SOMERVELL - On 26th June, to Suzette and Matthew, a son David Matthew a brother for Felicity and James.

SPEELMAN - On June 24th, to Marie Anne and Anthony, a daughter, Lucy Rose.

SPIRES - On 26th June 1993, to Abbé and Nick, a daughter, Chloe Alexandra Louise.

TSITSIS - On June 16th at the Wellington Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Townsend) and Menelaos, a beautiful baby boy, Gregory Alexander.

TURNER - On June 22nd, to Ann (née Shaw) and Simon, a son, Matthew Anthony, a brother for Joshua.

DEATHS

AYLWIN - On 25th June, peacefully at home, Margaret Diamond, widow of the late C.D.L. Aylwin, beloved mother of John. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Friday July 2nd at All Saints Church, Long Ashton, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Daylight Plus Club, c/o Arthur E Davey and Sons, Funeral Directors, 82 Silver Street, Nailsea, BS19 2DS.

BELL - George Douglas Hutton CBE FRS, Former Director of The Plant Breeding Institute, Trumpington, Cambridge, Honorary Fellow of Selwyn College, died peacefully on June 27th 1993. Beloved husband of Eileen, father of Myra and Ben. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be at St John's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge, at 12 noon on 2nd July 1993 followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. If desired donations can be sent to The Alzheimer's Disease Society. Enquiries to Cambridge Funeral Services, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. tel: (0223) 418255.

BROADBRIDGE - On 15th June in Tromsø, Norway, Catherine Haldis, aged 18 years, suddenly and unexpectedly. Deeply missed by her family and friends.

BURNETT - On 26th June 1993, peacefully at home, Mary of Williamston House, by Insch, Aberdeenshire. Widow of Malcolm. Much loved mother of Anthea (Alba), Antony, Charles, Callum and Cuppy. Funeral at St Drostan's Insch at 1 pm on Friday 2nd July, followed by interment at Foila Rule Churchyard. Family flowers only.

CORBALLY - Alfreda Clare aged 84 years, peacefully on 27th June after illness. Beloved mother of John, Ann and Christopher. Requiem Mass will be held at the Church of Holy Mary, Midhurst, on Monday 5th July at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only please to L.F. Linott & Son (0730) 813284. Donations, if desired, to The Red Cross or The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

CRAIG-BROWN - Peacefully on June 25th 1993, Bridget Constance of Edinburgh, much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at Currie Kirk, Currie, on Thursday July 1st at 2 pm thereafter interment at Currie Cemetery at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to W.T. Dunbar & Sons, 116 Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

GAMMELL - On June 24th, Cecily Mary (née Harvey), aged 96. Widow of the late Commander David Kirkwood R.N. and of Lt. General Sir James Gammell. Much loved mother and stepmother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh, Bristol, on Thursday 1st July 1993 at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations to Oxfam welcome.

GILES - On June 25th, peacefully, Gabrielle Alice, aged 91. Much loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service on Monday 5th July at 10 am at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Refugee Council, 3, Bondway, London SW8 1SJ.

HARMAN - Michael Boys ("Tiger") Harman M.C. On 27th June 1993 after a long illness, sadly missed by his wife and family. Private cremation, donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund (send c/o 141 Larkhall Lane, London SW4 6RQ).

HAROLD - On 26th June 1993, Susette, beloved wife of Michael and mother of Sebastian, Justina, Theodora and Pia. Daughter of Sheila and the late Jack Cotter of Sevenoaks. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church, South Hinksey, Oxford, on Saturday 3rd July at 11 am. Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. If preferred, may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

HARRAGIN - Rose. On Thursday 24th June, peacefully in hospital. Beloved wife of Matthew, devoted mother of Flora, William, Alec and Molly, daughter of Betty. Donations if desired to North Wraxall Playgroup, North Wraxall, Chippenham.

HARRIES - On 26th June, Helen Frances, peacefully in hospital aged 79 years, much loved sister of Frances Stanton and beloved aunt and great-aunt. Deeply missed by family and friends. Funeral at 2.45 pm on 2nd July at St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, London EC2. No flowers, donations if required to St Mary's Medical School, W2. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, (071) 229-3810.

JACOBS - On June 28th at St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth, Michael Louis aged 87. Beloved father of David, Ann and Nicholas from his first wife the late Fay Jacobs and beloved husband of his second wife Philippa and their children Roland, Robbie and devoted stepchildren Julian and Emma. Also deeply mourned by eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Private funeral. No flowers requested. Donations to N.S.P.C.C., 3 Garland Close, Chichester, Hants. Michael was a truly kind man.

JOHNSON - On June 27th 1993, Diana Clare (née FitzGibbon). Funeral Service on Monday 5th July at Edington Priory Church, Wiltshire at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to the Bath Cancer Unit.

KEARNEY - On 23rd June 1993, suddenly at home, Michael aged 88 years of Ancaster Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Loving husband of Marjorie. Funeral Mass at St Joseph's Chapel, Ipswich, on Friday 2nd July 1993 at 9.30 am followed by interment in Ipswich Lawn Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the St Elizabeth's Hospice, c/o the Co-operative Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich.

LANE - On June 23rd, in tragic circumstances, Toby aged 37, much loved husband of Linda, son of Michael and Patricia and brother of Valentine, Judith, Robin and Hugo. Mourned by so many friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Cotham, Bristol, on Friday July 2nd at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to The Samaritans c/o R Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol.

MATTHEWS - On 24th June at Treliske Hospital, Betty Ellinor, much loved wife of the late Major Alec Matthews.

MAYDWELL - On 28th June 1993 at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Major Richard William aged 77 years. The funeral service takes place at St Peter's Church, Slinfold, on Friday 2nd July at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex.

MEYER - On June 27th 1993, Pam, wife of the late Brigadier Guy Meyer and dearly loved mother of the late Jill and of Richard and Wendy.

MOFFETT - On 26th June, peacefully at home, Robert George (Bob), dearly loved husband of Hazel and father of Craig, Jan and Pam and caring grandfather. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday 2nd July at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Hospice at Home, care of E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

RHODES - At Mealmore Lodge Nursing Home, Daviot, Inverness (after a long illness) on 28th June 1993, Henrietta I. Swainson, beloved wife of the late Arthur Gervase Rhodes, formerly of British Steel. Funeral private.

ROBERTS/MORGAN-GRENVILLE - Tarquin. On 26th June 1993 in a climbing accident. Dearly beloved son of Tim and Fern, brother of Garth, grandson of Elizabeth Jackson and stepson of Shelagh Roberts. Funeral Service at Patricio Church, near Crickhowell, on Friday 2nd July at 2 pm. Flowers to R.J. Bevan, Windyridge, Church Road, Gilwern, Abergavenny, Gwent or donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

BOWE - On 26th June 1993 at Andover War Memorial Hospital, John Vincent, dear Husband of Ann, Father of Charles and Patience and much loved Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church, Kimpton, near Andover, on Wednesday 14th July 1993 at 3 pm.

SCRUTTON - Margaret, formerly Bligh, on June 24th 1993 peacefully in hospital. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Teddington, on Friday July 2nd at 11.15 am followed by cremation. No flowers. Donations preferred to The Howard League for Penal Reform c/o G.S. Kenins & Co., 49 High Street, Hampton Hill, Middlesex TW12 1NH.

SPAGHT - Monroe, on 27th June 1993 in France. The beloved husband of Joy, father of Perry, Sarah and David, grandfather of Kendal, Devon, Alice, Helen and Polly, stepfather of Amanda and stepgrandfather of Lucinda, Camilla and Alexia. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

STEWART - On June 26th 1993, peacefully at home after a short illness, bravely borne, Julie Elizabeth, much loved wife of Andrew, loving mother of David and Annabel. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Beaconsfield, on Friday 2nd July at noon. Donations if desired to him Rennie, Hospice at Home, Cedar Barn, Cedar Avenue, Haslemere, HP15 7DW.

WEST - On Sunday June 20th 1993 passed away peacefully in a Worthing nursing home after a long illness. Donald Ernest West on the eve of his 91st Birthday. Dearly loved husband of Eileen Stella, he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A former member of the London Stock Exchange and Partner with Sir R.W. Carden. Funeral Service has taken place. All enquiries to William Waller & Son, West Street, Sompting, Lancing, W. Sussex. tel: (0903) 753232.

WILLES - On June 27th, peacefully after a short illness, Valerie (née Oswald-Smith), dearest wife of Maurice, much loved mother of Simon and a loving grandmother. Private funeral service. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Cancer Research.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

DIAMOND - Rosina Charlotte (née Putz). My dearly beloved wife, who passed away on 29th June 1992. We were sweethearts, always together in love. I love you, love once, love always and forever. Until we meet again, your Ronald, son Russell and daughters Donna and Michele and grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

BORIS CHRISTOFF

Boris Christoff, the Bulgarian-born bass, died in Rome yesterday aged 79. He was born at Plovdiv on May 18, 1914.

FEW singers could create such an arresting impression on stage as Boris Christoff. His imposing features and penetrating, almost demonic eyes ensured that he was noticed immediately he came on stage, and his formidable, not to say melodramatic, acting made certain one never forgot he was there even when another artist was singing. His voice, not the largest or most beautiful of instruments, was utterly distinctive in character and, once heard impossible to forget. It had great powers of projection and, above all, an amazing variety of colour and nuance. Both in the opera house and on the recital platform, he evinced an innate feeling for character and for the meaning of what he was interpreting. He was the most sought-after Boris Godunov and Philip II (in Verdi's *Don Carlos*) of his day and was distinguished in a number of other Italian and Russian roles — quite apart from the huge service he did for the dissemination of Russian song.

He was helped to success by his upbringing. (He was born in 1914, as he latterly admitted, not 1919 as most books of record have it.) His father, who always encouraged his son's talent, sang in the local church choir, and the young Boris was a member of his local children's choir. He became an opera fanatic after seeing *Der Freischütz* when he was only ten. Thereafter he would sit spellbound in the gallery of the Sofia opera house watching performances and wanting to emulate them. On holiday in his teens he would go off into the peace of the mountains and try out his fledgling voice. At 18 he joined the famous Gusla Choir, which toured Bulgaria and surrounding countries, while at the same time studying law.

Although he qualified as a lawyer he continued to sing in his spare time, as a soloist in the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral Choir in Sofia. King Boris III invited the choir to sing at the Royal Palace and Christoff sang a solo — a folksong. So impressed was the king that he persuaded Christoff to abandon the law and arranged for him to have a scholarship to study in Italy. In 1942 he went to Rome to work with the famed baritone Riccardo Stracciari from whom he learnt the virtues of line and singing off the text.

The two established a rapport, but war interrupted their fruitful relationship. After many vicissitudes, including imprisonment, Christoff managed to get back to Rome in 1945 and resume his studies with Stracciari, who had despaired of seeing his star pupil again. Christoff made his professional debut singing Wotan's Farewell at the Santa Cecilia Academy in Rome in 1946. His debut in opera came the following year in *La Bohème* as Colline at the Teatro Argentina. He was an instant success and had to repeat the Coat Song twice. Appearances at la Fenice in Venice and la Scala in Milan confirmed his new-won fame.

Christoff at Covent Garden, in his greatest role as the tortured Tsar Boris Godunov

On November 19, 1949, he made his debut at Covent Garden as Boris Godunov, which he was singing for the first time. It was a role he was to make his own. Yet disputes with the producer Peter Brook and an insistence on Christoff's part that the Rimsky-Korsakov version, rather than Mussorgsky's original (then, as now, current at the Royal Opera House) should be used nearly caused him to cancel. Only soothing words from David Webster (then Administrator of Covent Garden) saved the day. Christoff was already proving an awkward, even recalcitrant colleague because of his invincible conviction that his was the only way of doing things. There could be no argument about his superb interpretation of the tortured Tsar, a reading that he was to refine and perfect over the succeeding thirty years, repeating it frequently at intervals at Covent Garden. He recorded it twice, most notably under his guide and mentor the conductor Issay Dobrowen in 1952.

He first sang Philip II at the Maggio musicale in Florence in 1950, and it is the role in which he will perhaps be most gratefully remembered in this country. He took part in the first performances of the now-legendary Visconti production at Covent Garden in 1958, conducted by Giulini and with Christoff's brother-in-law Tito Gobbi as Posa. He returned several times to repeat his riveting interpretation. He seemed to peer, dramatically and vocally, into the tormented king's soul in the private scenes while exuding authority in the public ones. His other Covent Garden part was Fiesco in Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*, another commanding performance. He also appeared with the company at the Edinburgh Festival as Don Basilio, disclosing the lighter side of his all-consuming art.

Among other roles in which he made an indelible impression were Mephistopheles in both Boito's and Gounod's operas based on Goethe's *Faust*; Ivan Susanin in Glinka's *A Life for the Tsar*; Galitsky and Khan Konchak in *Prince Igor*; Dosifei in Mussorgsky's *Khonanshchina*; the title role in Rossini's *Mose*; and Henry VIII in Donizetti's *Anna Bolena* (which typically he wanted re-titled after the king's name). In Verdi he sang Zaccaria in *Nabucco*; Silva in *Ernani*; Procida in *Vespri Siciliani*; and Padre Guardiano in *La Forza del Destino*. In all of these he always attempted to create a specific character based, where relevant, on historic precedent.

Early in his career he sang such roles as Leporello (*Don Giovanni*), Pizarro (*Fidelio*) and Agamemnon (Gluck's *Iphigénie en Aulide*). He also assumed — once, for a broadcast — the role of Gurnemanz in *Parsifal* with Callas as his Kundry, and Vittorio Gui as conductor. Off-the-air records show this to have been a most unusual and exceptionally revealing occasion.

His greatest legacy may prove to be his long succession of discs of Russian song, an achievement not equalled before or since. His complete set of Mussorgsky's songs, now on CD, demonstrates the extent of his understanding of the genre, each piece given with exceptional insights, not least the *Nursery* cycle where he reduced his bass to a child-like timbre. These were recorded between 1955 and 1957 after a lengthy period of study. He also left single records of songs by Glinka, Borodin, Tchaikovsky, Balakirev, Rimsky-Korsakov, Cui, Rachmaninov and Gretchaninov, as a whole a unique achievement.

Off the stage Boris Christoff remained larger than life, a jovial, forthright companion whom, his friends often felt, might at any moment assume one of the many characters he portrayed on stage and in song. After the war he lived most of his life in Italy where he became naturalised, with his wife Franca, sister of Tito Gobbi's wife Tilde. Franca was adept at curbing the excesses of temperament to which Christoff was prone, and smoothed over many a ruction in the opera house, when Christoff was on the point of quitting over some difference with a producer. It has to be said, in Christoff's defence, that most of his disputes arose, as they did with Callas, from his high regard for his art and for the maintenance of artistic standards.

His wife survives him. There were no children.

VERNON DONNISON

Vernon Donnison, CBE, formerly of the Indian Civil Service, died at Moulsford, Oxfordshire, on June 11 aged 94. He was born on July 3, 1898.

AS A member of the government of Burma exiled to India by the Japanese invasion of 1941-42 Vernon Donnison helped plan the rehabilitation of Burma after the war. In 1944 he recommended that the Supreme Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, should recognise General U Aung San as the leader of the Burmese resistance despite his earlier collaboration with the Japanese, and support the anti-fascist Burmese Peoples' Freedom League with arms. This was courageous advice, for the governor of Burma and the Churchill government were firmly opposed to any deal with Aung San whom they regarded as a traitor.

When the Fourteenth Army advanced into Burma Donnison was attached to Four Corps as military administrator with the rank of brigadier.

In the restored civil government he became Commissioner, Pegu, and then chief secretary under U Mya, a member of the executive council for home and judicial affairs: the two men developed an easy and confident relationship. Donnison retired from the Burma service a year before the country achieved independence, probably because he thought it in the best interests of Burma that the key post of chief secretary should be held by a Burman rather than an expatriate, however sympathetic.

In 1948 Donnison joined the historical section of the cabinet office and during the next 17 years wrote four volumes on military administration and civil affairs for the official war histories. His book on Burma and its peoples was published in 1970; he was, remarkably, assured that this had been commended for its impartiality to that country's cabinet by the dictator President Ne Win.

Donnison had married Ruth Seruya Singer in 1923 and she shared his interest in and love for Burma. In 1960 they drove a Land Rover to India, then shipping it to Burma where they toured for six weeks visiting many friends.

Ruth and Vernon Donnison established the Rangoon Symphony Orchestra which gave its only performance in 1940; a second performance was prevented by the Japanese air raids on Rangoon. They sang in various choirs and together made music with many friends.

Vernon Donnison's enthusiasm for music, and for footpath walking, continued after Ruth's death in 1968. He maintained his flair for finding and keeping friends into extreme old age and entertained with mellow hospitality into his nineties. To the end he had a keen interest in everything to do with Burma.

W. McNEIL LOWRY

Wilson McNeil Lowry, a former vice-president of the Ford Foundation, died at his home in New York on June 6 aged 80. He was born in Columbus, Kansas, on February 17, 1913.

DANCE companies across the United States had especial reason to be grateful to McNeil Lowry, popularly known as "Mac", who transformed the Ford Foundation into the largest non-governmental supporter of the arts in the United States. Before he joined the foundation in 1953, initially to head its education programme, none of America's charitable foundations gave any support to ballet. Lowry changed all that.

Once Ford had set the precedent, numerous other foundations and corporations began to follow suit. The results of his cultural campaigning were so great that Lincoln Kirstein, a co-founder of the New York City Ballet, came to describe him as "the single most influential patron of the performing arts that the American democratic system has produced".

Lowry began in a modest way after becoming director of the foundation's arts and humanities programme in 1957. In that year he gave grants of $105,000 to the New York City Opera to present a season of American operas, and $210,000 to symphony orchestras across the country to commission 18 new symphonies. By 1962 he was giving $6.2 million to nine non-profit repertory theatres, and grants to writers, film-makers, art schools and conservatories of music.

In 1963, believing that dance was an under-financed art, Lowry promoted a project under which $7.7 million was shared by eight ballet companies from New York to San Francisco.

Yet this generosity was not universally appreciated. Advocates of modern dance complained that their idiom had been ignored, and there were rumblings in the ballet world that he had shown favouritism to companies whose leaders had been connected with the New York City Ballet. Lowry took the criticisms seriously, and later arranged grants for modern dance and for a wider spectrum of ballet companies. "There is no way," he said in 1973, "to be in this post without getting both plaudits and criticism."

Mildly academic in manner, Lowry had begun his career as an English lecturer at the University of Illinois, where he gained his PhD in 1941. After active duty with the US Navy in the second world war he went into journalism, becoming editor of the *Dayton Daily News* in 1946, chief of the Washington bureau of Cox Newspapers from 1947 to 1952, and associate director of the International Press Institute in Zurich before joining the Ford Foundation.

He retired from the foundation in 1974 after ten years as vice-president, and promptly found himself in great demand as an arts consultant.

McNeil Lowry is survived by his wife and one son.

JACQUELINE WHELDON

Jacqueline Wheldon (Lady Wheldon), author, died on June 21 aged 69. She was born in London on May 20, 1924.

JACQUELINE WHELDON, the widow of the broadcaster and former managing director of BBC Television Sir Huw Wheldon, was a novelist, a scholar, and a woman with a gift for friendship which showed itself alike in the letters she wrote and the copious hospitality she offered to those she cared about.

Known as "Jay" to all her friends, Jacqueline Mary Clarke was brought up in Fulham and Ealing, and spent most of her life on the western side of the capital. During the war she was unwillingly evacuated to Windsor and was later expelled from her school for absconding on her bicycle, back to London, whenever the opportunity arose. In her adult years she lived first in Kew and afterwards on Richmond Hill, where she established her home with her husband.

In a letter written to a friend not long before her death, she said that her life "started with an arrival, inauspicious, at the LSE." The self-depreciatory tone of the remark was characteristic; so was her sense of loyalty and gratitude to the school. In fact her arrival there was not "inauspicious" at all. She did not have the qualifications to be admitted to university, and had to spend her first two years there working as a clerk and studying at night.

Nevertheless she had arrived at the school as the result of an intervention from an academically-exalted source. Professor Harold Laski, then a famous and highly-controversial figure in English academic and political life, had gone to Ealing to address a meeting of the local branch of the Labour League of Youth; Wheldon was in the chair; the eminent visitor was so impressed by her that he simply insisted she come to study at the LSE.

Laski thus effected her life profoundly. An equally important influence was his successor to the Chair of Politics, Michael Oakeshott. She was a socialist of sorts before she met Laski; prior to joining the Labour party she had had a brief spell as a member of the Communist party. Oakeshott succeeded in making a radical conservative (with a small "c") of her. In her thinking and feeling, in the demands she made of the people she met and the books she read, above all in the demands she made of herself, she remained fiercely autonomous and intrepid in judgment to the end.

In her single published novel, *Mrs Bratbe's August Picnic*, which received many admiring reviews when it came out in 1966, a leading female character remarks of a friend: "She's never tried to get out of the tedious burdens of being a woman."

One wonders how far Wheldon's tongue was in her cheek when she wrote that scrap of dialogue. She was a devoted wife to a naturally dominating and gregarious man, a public figure of great eminence. The welfare of her children — Winn (now a film-maker), Sian (an actress), and Meg (a drama agent) — was never out of her mind. She was a wonderful hostess, whether it came to preparing a picnic on a beach or the grand, annual pre-Christmas luncheons she gave for 40 or 50 people in her house in Richmond.

She also belatedly entered public life during the 1980s, when she served as organiser of the United Kingdom office of the Committee for the Free World: a body whose chief aim was to combat the squalid contaminations of communist ideology. Yet while tirelessly discharging these duties, she remained an essentially reclusive person; an acerbic observer rather than a participant (no doubt partly because she had been hard of hearing since childhood); an addicted reader of the great novelists of the 19th and early 20th century, Proust in particular; and a solitary, tenacious worker at her own fiction.

After finishing *Mrs Bratbe's August Picnic*, Wheldon embarked on an eight-volume novel, *Daughters of the Flood*, which, to her great sorrow, she finally abandoned incomplete. She never really tried to explain to friends how and why that novel had "shattered" in her hands. (That was her word for what had happened to it.) In the letter quoted above she wrote that she did not have a continuous sense of her own life: merely "various pictures of this and that." *Mrs Bratbe's August Picnic* contained many intensely observed "pictures" of London and Paris, Normandy and Sussex; but it is perhaps deficient in the ordinary narrative continuity readers expect.

In that regard, the novel was like its author. She always kept something in reserve. She always managed to surprise even those who were fondest of her and admired her most.

Sir Huw died in 1986. She is survived by their three children.

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But here a delay of several minutes took place in the appearance of the state carriage, and considerable anxiety was excited as to its cause. Before long, however, this fear was allayed, as the breaking of one of the traces from the cumbrous weight of the vehicle which had occasioned it, was quickly repaired, and when it did arrive, whatever might be the shouting before, it was nothing to what it then became. Hats were immediately taken off, handkerchiefs were waved, and even ladies added the strength of their delicate voices to the masculine power of those of the rougher sex. These strong indications of loyalty, however, did not stop the procession, and onward it went with its dignified slowness; until at length the turning of Cockspur-street shut it from our view.

ON THIS DAY

June 29 1838

Inside Westminster Abbey the lack of rehearsals was all too evident: the Queen had to ask the sub-dean what she should do; a peer fell down the throne steps and the archbishop placed the ring on the wrong finger of the Queen, causing her some pain.

NEWS

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■ America said yesterday that any state sponsoring terrorist attacks on US targets would face reprisals similiar to the weekend missile strike on Baghdad. At the same time, an Iraqi diplomat said that Britain's support for the attack had delayed the release of three Britons held in Iraq.

President Clinton said that the attack had crippled Iraq's intelligence capacity and should tell terrorists around the world that, henceforth, the US would be "very aggressive" in dealing with them ..... **Pages 1, 13, 18**

Labour to return 'dubious' funds

■ Labour's national executive will agree tomorrow to return the £11,000 it was given by the Greek Cypriot businessman Charilaos Costa, who is facing fraud charges in Britain. Mr Costa has denied that the money was stolen ... **Pages 1, 18, 19**

Sentences cut

Two villagers who kidnapped and threatened a teenager suspected of theft had their five-year sentences reduced to six months by the appeal court ... **Pages 1, 5**

Yorks' settlement

The Duke and Duchess of York have reached agreement on the terms of their legal separation, after nearly 15 months of talks between lawyers ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Mayhew gaffe

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, came under fire for suggesting, jokingly, that the plot of an opera was more tragic than a grenade attack in Belfast in which 30 people were injured ..... **Page 1**

Stranded in Bosnia

Lt Col Alastair Duncan, commander of British forces in Vitez, was stranded in the heart of the war zone last night after his armoured personnel carrier triggered an anti-tank mine near Zepce ..... **Pages 1, 14**

GPs back down

Doctors officially ended their opposition to the GP fundholding scheme, despite continuing doubts about the impact on the NHS ..... **Page 2**

Enquiry call

A widow demanded an enquiry into how a paranoid schizophrenic, with a history of violence, was released into the community three months before he killed her husband ..... **Page 3**

Salute to Moore

More than 2,000 people paid tribute at Westminster Abbey to Bobby Moore, the former England soccer captain, who died of cancer in February ..... **Page 3**

Gangland Britain

"Mum, I've been hit." The story of an innocent victim of gang war in Moss Side ..... **Page 7**

Telephone curbs

People who ring "adult" telephone lines will have to apply to BT for a code number. The aim is to make the lines less accessible to children ..... **Page 9**

Tory revolt looms

A Tory backbench revolt is brewing over the scale and pace of the armed forces cuts ..... **Page 11**

Turbulent priest

The FBI is wresting with the problem of Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahmen, a man who clearly inspires crime but may not actually carry it out ..... **Page 13**

AWB arrests

South African police have begun arresting members of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement after Friday's assault on the constitutional talks. Many more are thought to have gone into hiding ..... **Page 15**

African disunity

Eritrea, the newest member of the Organisation of African Unity, has criticised the organisation, saying that it has failed to fulfil its objectives ..... **Page 15**

Basketballers play for their lives

■ While the world comes to terms with a partition of Bosnia, the country's basketballers are playing as if their state was still a model of religious and ethnic tolerance. At the European championships in Germany, the team of seven Muslims, two Croats and two Serbs recently beat Sweden — and earned five more days away from Sarajevo ..... **Page 14**

IAN STEWART

Cool heads: Centre Court spectators covering up as temperatures at Wimbledon soared yesterday. Pages 2, 18, 38, 39, 44

Sterling soars: The pound rose against most currencies, gaining particularly strongly against the mark, up 2.67 pfennigs to DM2.5404. It also made progress against the dollar, closing up 1.28c at $1.4945. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 2,897.0, up 9.5 points, having traded 16.3 higher earlier in the day ..... **Pages 23, 26**

Heron flies: Bondholders approved the £1.4 billion refinancing of Heron International despite reservations about the current value of the *struggling group* ..... **Page 23**

Losing out: Brent Walker, the pubs and betting shops group, lost £427 million after massive write-downs in pub assets ..... **Page 23**

Cricket: England's selectors have dropped Hick, Gatting, Lewis, Foster and Tufnell for the third Test at Trent Bridge this week. The chosen party of 13 has an average age of 26 and includes nine who have played three Tests or fewer ..... **Page 44**

Tennis: Simon Barnes on women's singles: "We have gone past the first week, when the weaker player gives up at the start of the first set. Now we are in the second week, the weaker player does not give up till the start of the second" ..... **Page 38**

Rugby Union: The All Blacks have made three changes for the third and decisive international against the British Lions at Eden Park, Auckland, on Saturday ... **Page 40**

Academic challenge: What makes people want to wallow in dead flesh at unsocial hours? Alice Thomson on the lure of pathology ... **Page 17**

Under fire: "It was not until later that the truth dawned. It was not the secrecy that Carrington objected to. He was against the idea itself. He did not *want* a Counter-Subversion Executive." Brian Crozier in *Free Agent* ..... **Page 16**

Price war: "Today's legal scene resembles the plains of the Serengeti during the dry season. The pickings are thin and the animals are fighting for what little there is." Patrick Stevens reports ..... **Page 35**

Surfeit of swans: A few months after the Bolshoi Ballet's Albert Hall season, the Kirov has arrived for five weeks in London. Too much of a good thing? ..... **Page 31**

Divided they sit: The Arts Council, torn by internal dissent, meets next week to consider its future in the light of Price Waterhouse's proposals for radical change ..... **Page 31**

Bare-souled in the Park: Alexander O'Neal and Dina Carroll headed the bill in an evening of soul music in Alexandra Park ..... **Page 32**

Tate to Bankside? The disused Bankside power station could be the perfect building to house the Tate Gallery's modern collection, Marcus Binney writes ..... **Page 33**

Carolyn Sinclair led the Home Office team that prepared yesterday's white paper on police reforms, and will draft the legislation
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Ivan Fergus, 16, was wrongly jailed for an attempted robbery. An appeal court judgment has condemned his lawyers and the judge
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Gabriela Sabatini, who beat Anke Huber 7-6, 6-0, is among the women tennis players to have attracted the critical eye of Simon Barnes
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Mission to Moscow

■ How the CIA backed young Tories on an undercover mission to the USSR

Speculators home in

■ Can property speculators make a quick killing from the new leasehold reform act? Charles Boston investigates

Songs of Kipling's youth

■ Rudyard Kipling's obsession with stories of revenge stemmed from his tormented childhood, the experts say. Now that childhood is the subject of an opera by Michael Berkeley and David Malouf

QUOTES

Lady Graham-Moon, who covered her cheating husband's car in paint and cut off the sleeves of his suits, unburdens herself in *Adultery* (BBC2, 9.50pm) ..... **Page 43**

COMMENT

Chinese poker

China may believe that Britain is prepared to finesse its obligations to Hong Kong provided a suitably face-saving diplomatic formula can be found. It cannot be disabused of this too soon ..... **Page 19**

Policing change

As operational responsibility is devolved from Whitehall, police authorities will have to change from talking-shops to semi-professional management teams ..... **Page 19**

Oxbridge balls

Students at the two oldest universities have been exciting comment for their dancing and other extra-curricular activities for centuries, and their best dancers have usually had better heels than heads ..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

Absurdity hovers over the question about the origins of the universe. Let us suppose that the Texas collider has collided properly, and that what remains is a lot of little green men, an enormous heap of atoms, the remains of a packet of digestive biscuits, *and the universe*. But that doesn't help, does it? Because ("plus one") who or what actually *made* the universe? ..... **Page 18**

LYNNE TRUSS

"I see Lendl got knocked out, then." "Never fancied him, myself." "Nor me. Great player, I suppose?" "No. Something to do with those stringy legs and the unattractive way his socks stayed up" ..... **Page 18**

Dr Richard Leakey, injured in a plane crash in Kenya, writes from hospital about his concern for the African elephant ..... **Page 19**

One hopes President Clinton's response was correct. But to decide so based on the record as it stands requires a leap of faith and a suspension of political cynicism
— The New York Times

Saddam Hussein remains a menace, no matter what message Washington sends him, and promises to be a prominent part of the new world order Clinton has inherited
— Los Angeles Times

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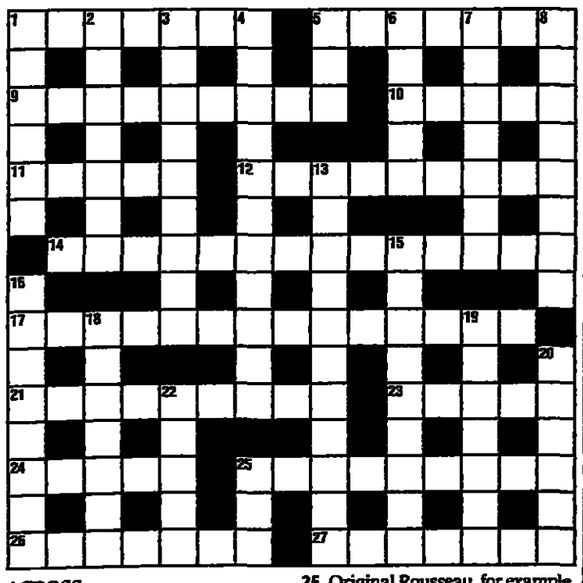

ACROSS

1 Live amongst enemies in French resort (7).
5 A little maiden caught amidst hatred (7).
9 Damage measure I'm backing a tiny amount (9).
10 Aptitude of learner in moderate set (5).
11 It may be appropriate to strike (5).
12 American author is that female Shaw joined (9).
14 Smart set? Fashionable and elegant list I prepared (14).
17 Minor form of punishment for *exiled leader (6,8).*
21 Commonplace sporting event (9).
23 Daggers carried by Shinto believers (5).
24 Annoy unknown person enjoying carefree existence (5).
25 Original Rousseau, for example (9).
26 Old-fashioned imprisonment current in France (7).
27 Stick old actor in difficult position up here (3-4).

DOWN

1 Gather together about 500 potential customers (6).
2 Not like novel's author (7).
3 Not a single woman healthy in this prison (9).
4 Prudish artist getting drunk with added spirits (6-5).
5 Relative silence (3).
6 Allow delay, provided extra fare is raised (5).
7 Meat consumed by company is antelope (7).
8 I'd confused airmen about line between poles (8).
13 Eminent drunk ran over top man (4-7).
15 Gloominess mostly dissipated in new term (9).
16 Traditional Liberal in opposite of 15 (3-5).
18 Lawyer one found in order to protect pilgrims (7).
19 Royal Academy elite assembled in studio (7).
20 Ancient vessel initially bringing one part of army (6).
22 Supply article in French city (3,2).
25 Author's unfinished literary work (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,268

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Bank Buys / Bank Sells

	Buys	Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.19
Austria Sch	18.90	17.40
Belgium Fr	55.20	50.80
Canada $	2.02	1.86
Denmark Kr	10.33	9.53
Finland Mkk	10.42	9.82
France Fr	9.02	8.32
Germany Dm	2.57	2.47
Greece Dr	360.00	335.00
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2325.00	2230.00
Japan Yen	173.75	154.75
Netherlands Gld	3.065	2.775
Norway Kr	11.28	10.48
Portugal Esc	252.00	234.00
South Africa Rd	5.98	5.48
Spain Pta	200.50	187.50
Sweden Kr	12.15	11.35
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	16400.0	15400.0
USA $	1.574	1.444

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

England and Wales will be dry, very warm and fairly sunny. With an onshore breeze, eastern coastal areas will be cooler. Scattered showers in western Scotland and Northern Ireland, heavier over the hills in the afternoon. More cloud and rain in these areas by evening. Eastern Scotland will be warm with sunny spells; cloud will thicken in the evening. Outlook: more unsettled in the north. Warm, but cloudier the south.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	79	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alicnte	27	81	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	27	81	f	Melb'rne	10	50	s
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Miami*	26	79	t
Athens	27	81	s	Milan	28	82	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Montreal*	27	81	t
Bangkok	32	90	f	Moscow	17	63	f
Barcelna	25	77	s	Munich	18	61	f
Beirut	27	81	s	Nairobi	20	68	c
Belgrade	20	68	f	Naples	27	81	s
Berlin	16	61	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	N York*	25	77	s
Biarritz	22	72	f	Nice	24	75	c
Borde'x	30	86	s	Oslo	22	72	f
Brussels	17	63	c	Paris	20	68	s
Budapst	23	73	c	Peking	20	68	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Perth	18	64	c
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Prague	13	55	f
Chicago*	27	81	s	Reykjavik	12	54	c
Ch'church	3	37	c	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	18	64	f	Rio de J	32	90	s
C'phagn	22	72	s	Riyadh	44	111	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Rome	28	79	f
Dublin	19	66	s	Salzburg	18	61	c
Dubrovnik	28	79	s	S Frisco*	19	66	s
Faro	23	73	f	Santiago*	15	59	c
Florence	29	84	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	19	66	c	Seoul	22	72	r
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Geneva	25	77	s	St'kholm	18	61	r
Gibraltar	28	79	s	Strasb'g	19	66	f
Helsinki	19	66	f	Sydney	14	57	c
Hong K	28	82	f	Tangier	23	73	f
Innsbruck	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	22	72	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	41	106	s	Tokyo	28	79	c
Jo'burg*	12	54	c	Toronto*	24	75	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	32	90	s
L Palmas	28	73	f	Valencia	33	91	s
La Toust	18	64	f	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Lisbon	23	73	f	Venice	25	77	f
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	16	61	c
L Angels*	20	68	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
Luxembg	16	61	c	Wash'ton*	31	88	f
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'ton	8	46	c
Madrid	25	77	s	Zurich	20	68	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Sunday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth/Hurn, Dorset 27C (81F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland 0.10in; highest sunshine: Dunbar, Lothian 15.3hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 15.7 hr.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.1	-	18	64	sunny
Anglesey	12.0	-	18	64	sunny
Aviemore	10.7	-	19	66	sunny
Belfast	13.8	-	21	70	sunny
Birmingham	11.0	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	11.4	-	27	81	sunny
Bristol	12.3	-	25	77	sunny
Buxton	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Cardiff	10.1	-	21	70	sunny
Clacton	12.1	-	22	72	sunny
Cromer	11.2	-	18	61	sunny
Eastbourne	14.5	-	23	73	sunny
Edinburgh	11.6	-	21	70	sunny
Eskdalemuir	13.7	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	7.7	-	23	73	sunny
Folkestone	13.6	-	22	72	sunny
Glasgow	12.4	-	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	2.7	-	19	66	fog
Isle of Man	14.4	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Leeds	14.2	-	21	70	sunny
Lerwick	1.5	0.10	13	55	drizzle
Littlehampton	13.6	-	23	73	sunny
Liverpool	11.5	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Margate	12.0	-	27	81	sunny
Morecambe	12.5	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	14.4	-	18	64	sunny
Newquay	7.3	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	6.3	-	22	72	sunny
Salcombe	10.9	-	22	72	sunny
Sandown	10.7	-	24	75	sunny
Scarbor'gh Snd	8.9	-	18	66	sunny
Scarborough	15.2	-	18	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.4	-	20	68	sunny
Shanklin	11.2	-	22	72	sunny
Stornoway	5.4	-	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	13.7	-	24	75	sunny
Tenby	11.5	-	21	70	sunny
Tiree	3.5	-	15	59	bright

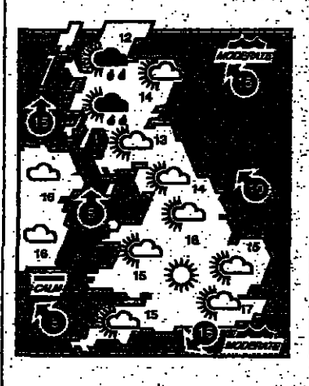
These are Sunday's figures

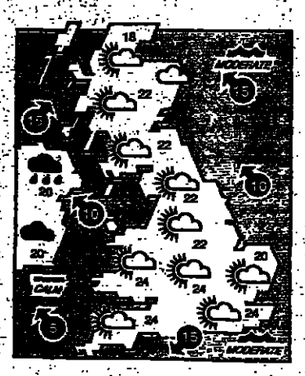
London 9.52 pm to 4.16 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.35 am
Edinburgh 10.32 pm to 4.00 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.13 am
Penzance 10.08 pm to 4.45 am

Sun rises: 4.46 am — Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 4.50 pm — Moon sets: 1.11 am
Full moon July 3

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	21	70	f	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'mgham	22	72	f	Inverness	17	63	f
Blackpool	24	75	s	Jersey	24	75	s
Bristol	24	75	s	London	20	68	s
Cardiff	24	75	s	M'chester	23	73	f
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	17	63	s
Glasgow	21	70	f	R'caldway	16	61	f





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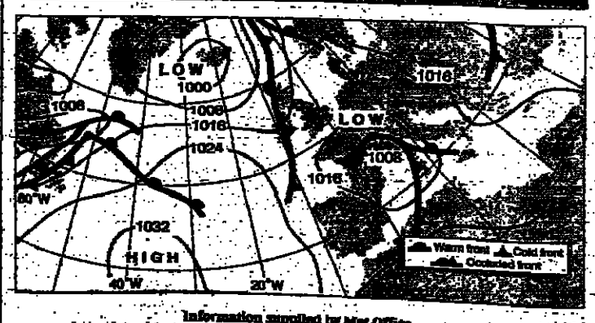
Aberdeen	8.50	3.7	10.34	3.5	Lowestoft	6.01	2.1	5.58	2.3
Avonmouth	3.05	11.1	3.46	10.9	Margate	8.16	4.3	8.33	4.3
Bellast	7.19	3.3	8.09	3.0	Milford Haven	2.12	5.9	2.54	5.7
Cardiff	2.50	10.3	3.31	10.2	Newquay	1.12	5.9	1.53	5.8
Devonport	1.39	4.7	2.22	4.6	Oban	2.00	3.1	3.03	3.1
Dover	7.18	6.7	7.49	6.9	Penzance	12.58	4.7	1.37	4.6
Falmouth	1.03	4.5	1.52	4.4	Portland	8.39	4.6	9.46	4.2
Glasgow	8.00	3.5	8.21	3.5	Portsmouth	7.29	4.1	8.11	4.3
Harwich	6.40	4.9	7.26	4.8	Shoreham	7.27	5.1	8.04	5.4
Holyhead	2.27	6.4	2.44	6.8	Southampton	7.20	4.0	7.56	4.2
Ilfracombe	1.53	7.8	2.33	7.8	Swansea	2.14	8.0	2.52	7.8
King's Lynn	2.40	5.4	2.57	5.6	Tees			12.18	4.8
Leith	11.06	4.9	11.42	4.8	W'ton-on-Nze	8.00	3.7	8.21	3.7



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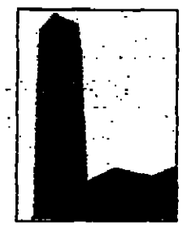

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There were three winners in this year's Women in Business Award, sponsored by the London Business School — and one of them was a man
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Two of British Rail's biggest divisions are fighting over £150 million for new trains as BR braces itself for expected losses of £160 million
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THE POUND

US $	1.4845 (+0.0128)
German mark	2.5404 (+0.0267)
Exchange index	80.3 (+0.8)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2897.0 (+9.5)
Dow Jones	3511.10 (+20.21)*
Nikkei Avg	19686.76 (+227.19)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6-5/16%
US Federal Funds	3-1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.07-3.06%*
Long Bond	6.69%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4935*	£:$	1.4930
$:DM	1.6993*	£:DM	2.5384
$:SWfr	1.5053*	£:SWfr	2.2478
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
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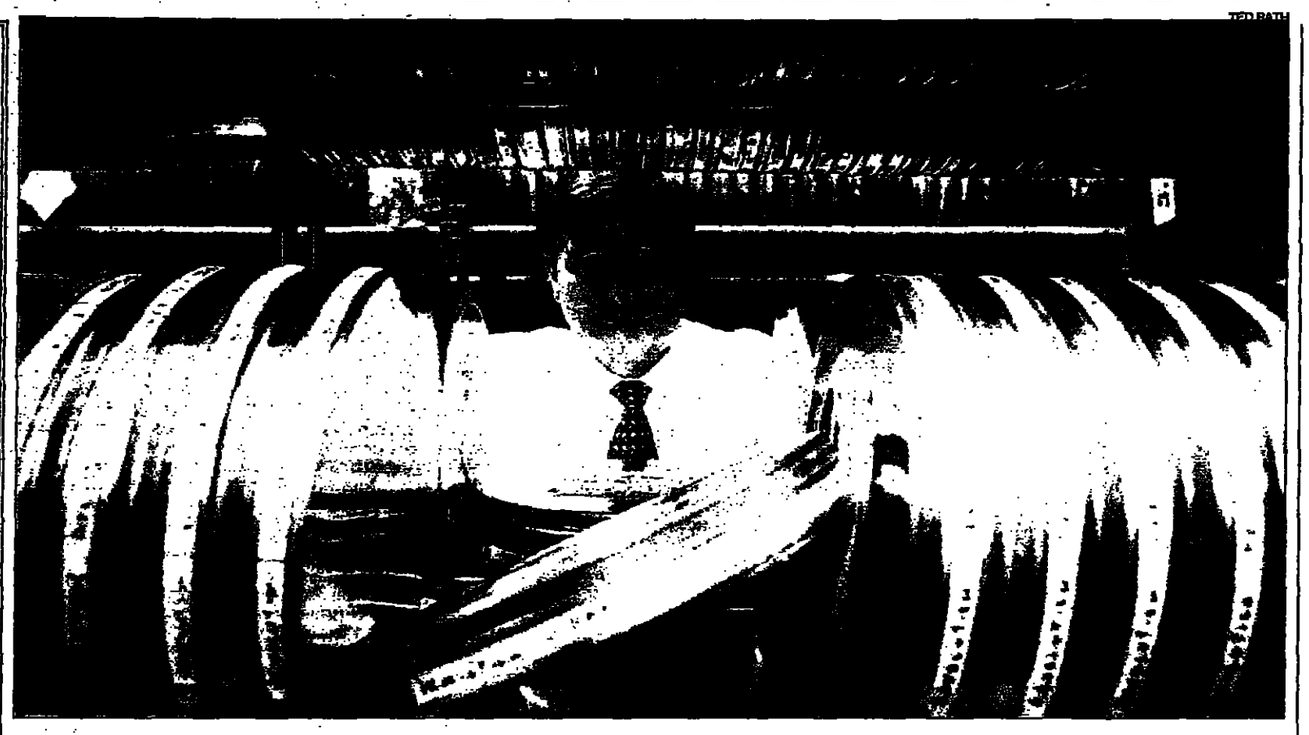

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Bright picture: Novo Group, the media services company run by Michael Woolley, chief executive, above, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.81 million (£728,000) in the year to end-March and is paying a total dividend of 1.3p (nil) for the year. Earnings rise to 3.82p (2.95p). Novo, which provides storage and logistic services to the visual entertainment industry, benefited from cost controls, the elimination of loss-making companies and contributions from acquisitions. Turnover rose 11.7 per cent to £14.3 million. The shares gained 4p to 43p. Novo has won contracts to manage in-flight film services for 11 airlines, including Virgin Atlantic and Cathay Pacific. Other targets are privatised trains and long-distance coaches.

Pound soars 3 pfennigs as rate worries weaken mark

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING bounded ahead on a broad front yesterday as other currencies ran into trouble. The pound was buoyed by fading speculation of UK base rate cuts and the fact that Britain is recovering, albeit weakly, while continental Europe is slowing down.

The pound piled on nearly 3 pfennigs against the vulnerable mark, closing at DM2.5404. Its high of the day of DM2.5436 was its peak since September 24. It also rallied against the dollar, which ended at 1.4945 to the pound from Friday's close of 1.4817. Sterling's trade weighted index closed at 80.3, up from 79.5 on Friday.

Sterling was clearly the star performer of the day, although its strength was exaggerated by a patchy performance by other leading currencies. The dollar and the yen were both subject to profit-taking, while the mark, although it recovered from lows early in the day, remains at risk amid uncertainty about interest rate policy and the deepening German recession.

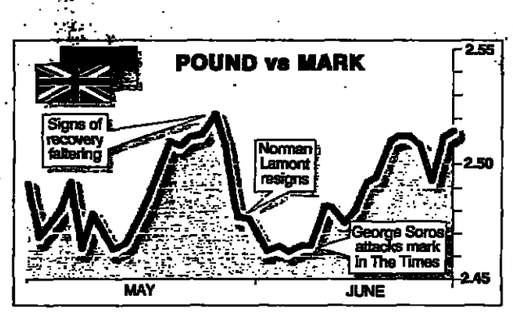
A major source of sterling buying was investors who were taking profits on dollars but were averse to building up holdings of marks.

Neil MacKinnon, chief currency strategist at Citibank, said investors feel comfortable with sterling for various reasons, including the slowdown on the Continent and the remarks by the Chancellor last week that he and the Governor of the Bank of England saw no need to cut base rates. He also cited a survey of dealers in the *Sunday Times* which concluded that the pound would be the strongest currency in Europe in the coming quarter. Having predicted the pound's strength, dealers bought sterling and made it a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Yesterday saw complex cross-currents in the market. The mark was more stable after falling sharply and consistently since June 9, when George Soros, the closely followed foreign exchange market player, launched a damaging critique on the mark in *The Times*.

Leading Bundesbank officials yesterday appeared to be giving in to pressure for lower interest rates. Hans Tietmeyer, deputy president of the Bundesbank, said that 1.70 (around yesterday's trading level) was appropriate for the mark against the dollar and that developments on money supply growth and the German government deficit could provide room for lower interest rates.

However, few market participants expect rate cuts after this Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting. With Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, due to present a deficit reduction package on July 13, many believe the Bundesbank, which has been delaying easing policy to put maximum pressure on Bonn to cut the deficit, will wait until its meeting on the 15th. Others believe the central bank may even hold off at that meeting to avoid the charge that it had moved rates under pressure from its G7 partners at the Tokyo summit the previous week.



The Bundesbank is caught between a desire to maintain its credibility as an independent central bank incapable of being influenced by outsiders' demands and the deep deterioration in the German economy.

Economists at Bank Julius Baer said in a report yesterday that cutting interest rates more quickly would paradoxically help the mark, but they still believe the Bundesbank will cut cautiously and slowly. They comment: "Given DM weakness, expect to see large-scale intervention before long. DM is not for devaluing but chances of a free-fall increase daily."

The franc opened weaker in reaction to a report in *The Times* that France may be ready to leave the exchange-rate mechanism if the Bundesbank refuses to give in to its call for sharply lower interest rates. The French economics ministry strongly denied the report and the franc recovered some of its composure.

Brent accounts are qualified as losses reach £427m

BY CARL MORTISHED

ONE year on from its £1.5 billion restructuring, Brent Walker has breached its banking covenants again. The new management team wants to clear the decks and Sir Keith Bright, chairman, has taken a knife to the company's pub assets, carving £210 million from their value.

The write-down has sent the struggling pubs and betting shops group to a £427 million pre-tax loss for 1992 but notes to the accounts suggest the figure could have been higher. No provision has been made for the falling value of the William Hill betting shops.

Brent Walker's auditors have qualified the accounts as to the continuing support of the company's bankers, who are owed £1.3 billion, and on the basis that a judgment debt of £50 million owing to Grand Metropolitan will not be payable on demand.

John Leach, finance director, said the the betting shops, which are in the books at £701 million, had not been written down because William Hill had gained market share and the continuing dispute with GrandMet made valuation impossible.

Brent Walker has written down the value of its Pubmaster chain by £210 million. An additional £29 million has been written off the value of property developments. Combined with £4.5 million of refinancing costs, the 1992 operating profit of £49 million (£45 million) turns into an operating loss of £196 million. The interest bill of £204 million increases the loss to £427 million.

☐ George Walker, Brent Walker's former head, was told yesterday he could not proceed with an appeal against bankruptcy unless he put up £18,000 to cover part of his opponent's legal costs should the appeal fail.

The Court of Appeal granted the order to Raymond Hocking, of Stoy Hayward, the accountancy firm, who obtained the bankruptcy ruling in April. Mr Hocking was supervisor of a voluntary arrangement under which Mr Walker pledged to hand half his net disposable income to his creditors.

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EBRD battle over Attali's successor

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A BATTLE has broken out between the shareholder nations in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development over appointment of a temporary successor to Jacques Attali, the bank's president, who handed in his resignation last Friday.

Anne Wibble, Swedish finance minister, who chairs the bank's governing council, is trying to broker agreement on an interim president. Insiders believe M Attali will be gone within a fortnight, though he has promised to stay until a successor is found. Even French support for M Attali has ebbed. *Le Monde*, the French daily, yesterday said his departure was inevitable, saying he had "tarnished the image of France".

Although shareholders agree the bank will be better off without him, a transatlantic rift is blocking moves to speed his departure. The US, the bank's biggest shareholder, backed by Canada, is believed to be lobbying for Ron Freeman, vice-president in charge of merchant banking, to take over in the interregnum.

The European nations, which want a European at the helm, are pushing for Mario Sarcinelli, the head of development banking, to take charge.

☐ M Attali was said to be in relaxed mood when he chaired a board meeting at the bank's headquarters yesterday.

Time to demerge the clearing banks

ANTHONY HARRIS

The long-term economic decline of Merseyside began almost on the day that Martin's Bank, the financial heart of Liverpool, was taken over by a London clearing bank some 40 years ago. The troubles of the Midland grew with those of the British motor industry, and may now be on the wane as its old home region seems to be leading the UK recovery. So which is cause, and which is effect? Any dogmatic answer is liable to be wrong, since regional decline can carry banks with it, and regional enterprise can be stifled by the lack of responsive banks.

This ambiguity is unlikely to protect the British clearing banks from those who would reform them. They have behaved foolishly in the past, and the whole economy is having to pay for their mistakes; and they still tend to be arrogant with it. The recovery will make them more vulnerable. As it progresses, small companies are likely to be in need of extra working capital: but the clearers are in no mood to advance it. Kenneth Clarke will be hearing from his Midlands friends, and will demand action. The Bank of England, which is already trying to act as midwife for a new Gujarati bank to take the place of BCCI and its former rivals in financing the Asian business community, since the clearers have failed to fill the gap. Clearly the Bank, too, recognises that there is a problem.

The most tempting "solution" is to break up the friendless clearing banks into their regional component banks. This is recommended in a paper from Demos, the new non-party think-tank, written by one of John Major's back-bench friends, Alan Duncan, the Rutland MP, who may prove to be another member of the Midlands mafia. He is scathing not only about the clearers, but the whole City, found guilty of collective short-termism. While it is not clear that this attack will of itself make things any better, it is emotionally satisfying; and since corporate demergers are the fashion, it is also quite likely to happen. Certainly the argument should be taken seriously.

The argument is quite a new one in the London mainstream (though it has been echoing for years round the mainly Socialist fringes); but it has been running endlessly in the US. American law still hampers interstate banking, and so protects local banks, despite long campaigns by the Republicans, backed by the Federal Reserve, to get into step with the rest of the world. This has proved a lost cause, partly because the banks are traditionally unpopular in the US. The main argument of the would-be reformers, that it is somehow wrong that other countries (especially Japan) should head all the banking league tables, is hardly sophisticated; but nor is the congressional counter: that local banks support local economies — plausible but unproved. The clincher is that local banks support local Congressmen.

In theory, the congressional argument should be right. A bank that can only get the low, wholesale federal funds rate on its out-of-state lending will be much more energetic in seeking out local opportunities than the branch manager of a money-centre bank. However, constructive lending requires judgment as well as goodwill, and high salaries in New York are just as effective a magnet for talent as those in London. Examples of successful, far-sighted local banks that have prospered on relationship banking, while the money-centre banks were blowing financial bubbles, are hard to find, though they do exist.

Given much time, regional banks created by the break-up of the clearers would no doubt grow competent managers, but I still doubt whether these new men would fill the financing gap discussed in this column last week. The incentives would still be wrong, even in a local bank. As long as banks operate on a heads-you-win, tails-we-lose basis, they are bound to burden the whole business community with the costs of their failures of judgment.

The more they try to restrict this burden to the small-business sector that imposes it, the more they will be compelled to charge rates that stifle enterprise. For a workable solution we should look to Japan or Europe, and devise rules that encourage banks to take equity stakes, and so generate enhanced rewards when they are right. But this is against British tradition. No doubt we will try the regional route first.

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Battle stations: a 225 train

BR split down the lines on cash for better trains

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TWO of British Rail's biggest divisions are battling to win £150 million of government money for badly needed new trains.

Under a leasing arrangement, the money will go either to InterCity, for new state-of-the-art 225 trains for its crumbling west coast main line, or to Network SouthEast, to replace some of its ageing, creaking stock. The outcome will have important consequences for either GEC Alsthom, which would build the 14 225 train units, or ABB engineering, which could secure the order for more than 40 Networker trains.

BR is expected tomorrow to announce losses of more than £160 million for the year to end-March, the final set of accounts it will present in its present shape. The losses will increase pressure on the government to halt the slide in investment and raise questions over whether franchise operators, who will run the networks under privatisation plans, will have sufficient incentive to invest in tracks, signalling and safety.

Yesterday, in the Commons, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, urged BR to make up its mind "as quickly as possible" on where to spend the money.

Next week, InterCity West Coast will launch a "hearts and minds" campaign by inviting MPs, officials and councillors from cities and towns through which the line runs to travel on a 225 "borrowed" from the east coast main line.

Network SouthEast is expected to hit back by staging a similar exercise to demonstrate how life could be made more comfortable for London commuters if its bid is successful.

If InterCity wins, the 225 units would operate all the Pullman trains and the other premier services between London Euston and northwest England and Scotland.

The 225 trains would not be able to show their pace, however, until a £400 million investment programme, due to start next year, to upgrade the track, power supply and signalling on the west coast route has been completed.

Earlier this year, *The Times* revealed an internal InterCity document which said that without significant investment the line could be forced to close within seven years because of the risk to passenger safety.

Whoever wins the £150 million battle for trains, Chris Green, InterCity's managing director, has said new technology should allow trains to run at 155mph on all existing main line routes within 30 years.

This, he believes, can be achieved by "stretching" and improving existing routes rather than attempting to construct hugely expensive new railways north of London.

Although no order would be placed for at least ten years, he suggested tilt trains could be used to cut the journey time from London to Glasgow from five-and-a-half hours to four hours 40 minutes.

BR abandoned its efforts to develop a tilt train nine years ago after a £50 million development programme failed to iron out technical problems. Passengers who travelled on the Advanced Passenger Train, which had a tilt mechanism to help smooth its path through curves at high speed, complained of motion sickness.

Since then, the idea has been developed by Italian engineers who have turned it into a commercial success. Manufactured by Fiat, the trains have been sold at £1 million a time to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Spain. The Swedes also have a version of the train, which is in regular service.

Ministers rally behind nuclear project

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE £1.85 billion Thorp nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Sellafield is set to open more than a year behind schedule after John Major and a group of senior ministers last night renewed their backing for the project.

A government amendment to a critical parliamentary motion from the Liberal Democrats, "supports the commissioning of the plant at the earliest possible opportunity", subject to British Nuclear Fuels, the operator, receiving satisfactory safety consents.

The amendment is apparently designed to end widening doubts over government intentions after Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, the ministry of agriculture and the environment department failed to deliver their consent by January, as planned. Signatories include some of the most senior ministers, including Michael Howard, the home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, as well as the prime minister.

At stake is an investment in the plant and associated units totalling almost £3 billion, export contracts with Japan and Germany, and the jobs of 1,200 permanent staff at the Sellafield site in Cumbria.

The assessment process to provide the legal consents needed for the plant to operate appears to have been derailed for two reasons. Critics say the pollution inspectorate and the ministries became sidetracked into the issue of whether the plant was still needed, rather than concentrating on whether it could operate safely within appropriate limits on emissions.

Thorp's opponents say approval for the plant was given when plutonium was expected to be in short supply, but the end of the cold war has resulted in a global glut.

In addition, environmental lobbyists appear to have thrown the government on to the defensive both by a powerful public campaign and by declaring their intent to seek a judicial review if the plant is allowed to start operations.

That has caused all involved in the consent process to take extra care to ensure the consultation process is exceptionally thorough and goes by the book.

Senior officials within BNFL appear confident consent will be forthcoming, but say it is unlikely before the end of the year in order to allow extended consultations. Thereafter, they will need three months to bring the plant, which reprocesses spent fuel from nuclear power plants, into operation.

Environmentalists may yet derail the project. But the government appears to have hardened its resolve to bring the plant into commission.

Loss of office: Babcock International's Oliver Whitehead received £646,000

Company chiefs' golden goodbyes

BY GEORGE SYVELL
CITY EDITOR

TWO chiefs of household name companies received compensation packages of more than half a million pounds each.

David McErlain, who resigned as chairman of the debt-laden Anglo United energy group in March, will have his pension benefits raised by £441,000, according to the group's annual report, out yesterday. In addition he received £74,000 cash for loss of office, taking his compensation package to more than half a million pounds.

His pay for the past year, up to the March 11 resignation date, rose from £257,000 to £334,000 excluding pension contributions. He was on a three-year rolling contract and owned about 12 per cent of the shares of Anglo and almost one third of the preference shares which he voted in favour of a reconstruction that diluted ordinary shareholders by half.

Oliver Whitehead, former chief executive of Babcock International, received compensation for loss of office of £646,000, according to yesterday's annual report. He was on a three-year rolling contract. The highest-paid director at Babcock, understood to be Mr Whitehead, suffered a fall in salary from £322,434 to £273,174 for the year to end-March because of the absence of bonus payments.

Meanwhile, Lord Young, the former industry secretary and now executive chairman of Cable and Wireless, is shown to have received a performance-related bonus of £409,828 in the year to end-March, taking his package up from £487,375 to £863,410.

Devro's offer for sale sizzling to a premium

THE placing and offer for sale of Devro International, the sausage skin maker, is nearly five times oversubscribed, despite recent adverse publicity. The Scottish group received applications for 127.6 million shares; with only 28 million available, the offer was 4.6 times subscribed.

Allocations are being scaled down and the shares are likely to go to a premium to their 170p price when dealings start tomorrow. The demand reflects the new-found popularity of new issues, although some analysts feel that Devro has been sold at a discount to the market. The premium will depend to a large extent on whether institutions get their allocations in full. Estimates suggest that the institutional offer was three times oversubscribed, with talk of a grey market price approaching £2, but a 20p premium would not surprise the market. Employees will receive all the shares they sought. Among outside investors, only those seeking the minimum 200 will avoid rationing. Certificates are to be sent out today.

WPP revenues rise

WPP, the advertising company, said worldwide revenues in constant currencies were up by an average of more than 5 per cent in the first five months of 1993. Better than average performances were posted in America, south east Asia and Latin America, Gordon Stevens, the chairman, told the annual meeting. Small signs of a recovery in Australia and New Zealand were apparent, while operations in Japan were ahead of the domestic market there. Advertising revenues were up by more than 7 per cent and market research was up by more than 12 per cent.

Hewetson cuts payout

HEWETSON, the Hull flooring and building materials group, is cutting its final dividend to 0.75p (1p), giving a reduced total of 1.25p (2.6p) for the year. Pre-tax profits fell to £503,000 (£745,000) in the year to end-March, as persistent weak demand pushed turnover down to £28.6 million (£32.4 million). Earnings slide to 1.36p (2.99p) a share. Gearing is cut to 16 per cent, from 48 per cent. Hewetson is acquiring Thomas Lowe Joinery, which makes staircases and other joinery products, from Tarmac for a maximum of £110,000. Hewetson shares were unchanged at 49p.

Wm Sinclair warning

WILLIAM Sinclair Holdings, which supplies products for the garden and for pet owners, said it expected pre-tax profits in the year to June 30 to be 15 to 20 per cent below last year's £4.61 million. It warned shareholders that rainfall in Scotland had resulted in a poor peat harvest. Sales of garden products had also been depressed by cold, wet weather in May and June. However, the Lincoln-based company said its balance sheet remained strong and it intended to recommend an unchanged total dividend for the year of 7p.

Alba earnings jump

RATIONALISATION and strict cost controls helped Alba, which makes audio, television and domestic appliances, to a 62 per cent profits jump. The pre-tax figure in the year to March 31 was £5.05 million, up from £3.12 million last time, restated under the FRS3 accounting format. Turnover climbed 2 per cent to £113.4 million. John Harris, chairman, said: "Our industry is coming out of recession, and while there is no wild boom, there is a certain recovery." The final dividend is 3.85p (3.75p), giving 4.85p for the year (4.75p).

Widney losses deepen

THE impact of Leyland DAF's collapse on suppliers was evident in results from Widney Products, the engineering group. Widney incurred a £417,000 pre-tax loss (£155,000 loss) in the six months to April 3. There is again no interim dividend. Widney suffered both from bad debts and from loss of Leyland DAF business. The £124,000 cost is charged as an exceptional item. Trading in Widney shares was suspended at the company's request pending completion of a £4 million acquisition.

Platignum pays again

PLATIGNUM has resumed paying a final dividend with a 0.25p declaration, making 0.5p, after pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 jumped from £405,000 to £713,000. There was substantial reorganisation during the year, including acquisitions and disposals. Sales fell to £15.1 million, from £17.1 million. The stationery division, helped by new products and integration, turned in higher results, but houseware interests had a difficult year. Roy Campbell, chief executive, said any recovery in markets was barely discernible.

Lloyd's gives welcome to alternative rescue plan

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London has greeted the publication of an alternative business plan as "constructive" and said it intends to study it closely, with a view to adopting any workable proposals.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said the plan, by David Springbett, a member of the Lloyd's errors and omissions working party, was "a constructive attempt to be helpful". Copies of the plan, *An Improved Solution for Lloyd's*, have been handed to Mr Middleton, to David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, and to Brian Garraway, head of the Lloyd's regulatory board. "Now we are going to sit down and study it," Mr Middleton said.

However, he said he was reluctant to deviate from the Lloyd's business plan, which aims to tackle many problems highlighted in the alternative plan. Any viable proposals would probably be incorporated into the existing plan.

Some of the Lloyd's proposals, such as reducing costs, becoming electronic and introducing new forms of capital, were "not open to negotiation". Mr Middleton added, however: "We want names to share with us their thoughts on better ways of tackling a lot of the other issues."

Among the alternative plan's proposals is the building of a "concrete wall" between 1994 and the past and resolution of litigation through settlement between a new limited company and names.

Mr Middleton said the proposals would be considered but he was "very reluctant to disrupt the build-up work done by the legal and financial panels". These were set up last month to try to negotiate a settlement of the mass of litigation that threatens to swamp the insurance market.

☐ Names on Aragorn syndicate 384 are the first to have been given a date for their legal action to recover losses of up to £6 million. The High Court case will begin on December 6 and is expected to be the only Lloyd's action to reach the courts before the end of the year.

The Aragorn names allege that Graham Potter, the syndicate's underwriter, who was banned by Lloyd's as an underwriter in May 1990, was negligent.

Thirty action groups, involving more than 17,000 names, plan or are proceeding with legal actions. However, most of these are not expected to reach court within the next two years.

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US bank set for gold fixing seat

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

REPUBLIC National Bank of New York is close to taking over Mase Westpac Limited, a London-registered bullion bank with branches in Sydney, New York and Hong Kong, through which the Americans will gain one of the five London gold fixing seats.

The price is likely to be more than £69 million, and the deal will give RN a presence in the London gold market and membership of the London platinum and palladium fixings. The sale of Mase Westpac, which gained a place at the London gold fixing in 1986 by taking over Johnson Matthey Bankers, follows last year's decision by Westpac of Australia, its parent, to concentrate on core activities.

Gold is "fixed" twice daily at N M Rothschild. Other fixing members are Samuel Montagu, Sharps Pixley and Mocatta (Standard Chartered).

Loan aid take-up expected to soar

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE government's revised loan guarantee scheme, to be introduced on Thursday, will help fund opportunities for small businesses as they emerge from the recession, the British Bankers' Association said yesterday.

The association expects take-up of the scheme to increase by 70 per cent to 3,400 companies a year with the extension of the loan ceiling and improved terms from the government.

The revisions to the scheme, announced in the Budget, will make more money available to small firms, with the maximum loan increasing from £100,000 to £250,000. However, eligibility has been constrained since April, with firms such as retailers, hairdressers and taxi hire operators being excluded as they might use the loan to develop business that would displace other firms in their locality. Such firms represented 23 per cent of previous lending under the scheme.

Under the new scheme, the government will guarantee 85 per cent of the sum lent for established businesses — that is those that have been trading continuously for two years. That is an increase from 70 per cent.

The BBA said this should make the scheme more attractive to established firms that have survived the recession but now need help to finance growth in the recovery. However, only 1 per cent of commercial lending has come through the scheme historically, and the BBA said this is unlikely to increase dramatically.

Firms borrowing money under the scheme over periods of two to seven years will have the option of variable interest rates or fixed interest rate terms.

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Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
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By Order of the Board
Noel Morin, Director.

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TUC cautions against import of Peabody tactics to British mines

Hanson 'union busting' attacked

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HANSON, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate, came under sharp attack yesterday from British trade unions who criticised what they said were the company's intentions to "cherry pick" a privatised British coal industry.

Union leaders issued a warning against the transfer to Britain of what they said were "union busting" tactics being carried out by Peabody, a Hanson subsidiary and the largest privately-held coal company in the world, in a dispute in America with the main mining union there. American miners' leaders will brief City analysts on the dispute and their campaign against Hanson today.

The Trades Union Congress made the rare move of leading the attack on Hanson, which last week backed down from trying to win greater control of its annual meetings after protests from institutional shareholders. John Monks, TUC deputy general secretary, said "Hanson shareholders have shown what can be done" in bringing pressure on the company, and urged similar pressure to resolve the Peabody jobs dispute.

Attacking Hanson as a "corporate shark", he cautioned against the import to the UK of Hanson's non-union tactics in America. Making clear the unions' complete opposition to Hanson moving into a privatised coal industry, Mr Monks said of Lord Hanson: "We fear he would be in the rape and pillage game if Hanson took over British coal mining."

Peter McNestry, general secretary of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, said Hanson was "running riot" in the American mining industry. Roger Lyons, TUC energy committee chairman, said: "We stopped Hanson taking over and breaking up ICI... and we intend to win this campaign as well."

For the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), Kenneth Zinn, special projects coordinator, said at a press conference called by the TUC that Hanson had an obligation to its shareholders to resolve the Peabody dispute sooner rather than later. The union will tell City analysts today that if it is allowed to drag on, the current strike will cost Hanson much more than the £15 million drop in profits from the UMWA's four-week strike in February.

Hanson, which has criticised the "threats and pressure tactics" of the UMWA and said it will accept the short-term costs of lost business in order to win the dispute, said yesterday that the TUC intervention would not change its 100 per cent support for Peabody. The form of the clear so it would be speculative to consider whether Hanson might look at opportunities there, it added.

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Airtours lost £9m on failed bid for Owners Abroad

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ Airtours is diversifying down the holiday tour chain by buying its first hotel, with another six or seven deals expected, as the company goes searching for bargains

THE failed £260 million Airtours bid for Owners Abroad, the rival holiday firm, cost the bidder £9 million and swelled its normal first-half pre-tax loss to end-March from £5.59 million to £15.9 million.

The £8.99 million cost of the bid is taken as a separate item in the interim figures, which show that before it, losses deepened to £6.9 million, including a first-time seasonal loss of £2.2 million from the Pickfords Travel Service operation bought last year.

David Crossland, chairman, said his advisers, chiefly Barclays de Zoete Wedd as broker and British Linen Bank as merchant bank, were on a success fee, and as a result, a successful bid would have cost even more.

The company took a £3.9 million loss from the sale of an 8.2 per cent stake built up in its quarry during the bid and sold immediately after. The stake was bought at an average price of 145p and sold at 117p. Mr Crossland said he felt "very comfortable" at the sale, which had been necessary to allow Airtours to go forward rather than looking back.

Another £3.5 million was soaked up by two sets of underwriting fees covering the first shot and the eventual higher offer, and the rest went to the various advisers.

The interim dividend is increased from 0.55p to 1p, purely a realignment of interim and final payments although Airtours is pledged to increase the total by at least 20 per cent this year.

Airtours is moving ahead from the defeat by adding further to its chain of travel agencies with the acquisition for £25 million of the leisure travel agencies side of Hogg Robinson, announced this month, and the purchase this weekend of Aspro Travel, of

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Cardiff, the seventh-biggest tour operator in Britain.

Aspro, which is being bought for £20 million in unsecured loan notes, specialises in Greece and Cyprus and carries 400,000 people a year. It made £3 million profit in the last financial year.

Airtours is diversifying down the holiday tour chain by buying its first hotel, the Bouganvilla Park in Majorca. Mr Crossland said another six or seven deals could be expected, mainly for hotels the company already featured in its brochures that had borrowed heavily and then suffered a downturn in custom.

Mr Crossland said this summer's bookings were up 23 per cent on last year and he expected capacity would equal demand, an improvement on previous years for the travel trade. The shares rose 6p to 334p on the figures.

He said the OFT enquiry into package holiday operators such as Airtours, with high street outlets through which they sell their products, held few fears for the company. "I feel it's actually quite right and proper that if a customer walks into one of our Pickfords or Hogg Robinson shops then he should know that it's owned by Airtours and that the people on the counter will be recommending our products," he added.

Airtours will recommend in its submission to the OFT that outlets of all integrated travel companies should display a notice to their customers informing them of the link. OFT is requesting evidence from interested parties before deciding whether to launch a full investigation.

Trio of winners: Greg Dyke, left, Heidi Bergemann of *LOOT* newspaper and Macro Group's Harriet Green

LWT rewarded for promoting women

GREG Dyke, group chief executive of London Weekend Television, collected the 1993 Women in Business Award, sponsored by London Business School (Jon Ashworth writes). Mr Dyke, 46, who will become one of 15 instant millionaires under a £55 million performance-related payout for LWT managers and directors in September, received the award for LWT's commitment to promoting and developing woman managers.

He said: "Our commitment to women's training meant that in 1992 more than 60 women benefited from career and life planning skills courses." Two extra awards were made to Harriet Green, managing director of Macro Group, and Heidi Bergemann, director of operations at *LOOT*, the London free-advertisements newspaper.

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BT3 sale prospectus will spell out risks

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

TODAY's prospectus for the sale of the government's 22 per cent stake in BT will highlight the future regulatory risks and spell out the "considerable discretion" built into the powers of the trade secretary and BT's regulator.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will announce the discount on the first instalment for investors in the public offer, expected to be 10p a share. Earlier this month, the government revealed that the first instalment for the public offer will be 150p.

Although the government is keen to entice small investors to widen and deepen UK share ownership, the incentives on offer are less attractive than for BT2 as the Treasury attempts to maximise proceeds from the sale.

The prospectus will also state that BT has been unable to assess the financial effects of the loss of management and control of all its blocks of the radio spectrum. BT has exclusive management control of some blocks but, in December 1991, the government said that, with limited exceptions, BT will lose control of all its blocks. BT's telecommunications networks, including microwave and satellite links, make use of radio and are dependent on licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Act.

The prospectus is also likely to say BT believes its room for price flexibility has been "significantly curtailed" by new controls due in August.

Berkeley ignores housing doldrums

BY CARL MORTISHED

BERKELEY Group, the upmarket housebuilder that raised £44 million in a rights issue in March, increased pre-tax profits by a quarter, to £15.8 million, in the year to April 30. Turnover rose by 44 per cent, to £182 million. The group sold 1,226 houses, compared with 858 in the previous year, despite the lacklustre housing market.

Graham Roper, the chairman, said: "The slight strengthening in the market in the new year had little beneficial effect on sale prices, but it did help the company to meet its targets for the year in terms of sales volumes and unit numbers."

Tony Pidgley, Berkeley's chief executive, has been selling units to maintain cashflow. Average selling prices were maintained at about £148,000 and completed but unsold houses halved from 200 in April 1992 to 100. The sales helped to reduce year-end borrowings from £2.5 million in 1992 to net cash of £3.8 million, not including £44 million of rights issue proceeds. Net assets at the year-end totalled £180 million.

Berkeley Eastoak Investments, the group's commercial property joint venture with Saad Investments, has expanded to £83 million of assets, comprising 25 properties with a net yield on investment of 10.5 per cent. Eastoak has a further £37 million of committed investment in forward purchases and the present intention is to bring the portfolio up to about £200 million.

Berkeley is paying out a final dividend of 4.35p, as forecast at the time of the rights issue, making a total for the year of 6p, a fifth more than the 1992 distribution.

Earnings per share rose from 13.1p to 16p.

Northern Electric surges to £111m

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

NORTHERN Electric has handed out the biggest dividend rise yet to any shareholder in the regional electricity companies, a final payment of 15.15p, making a total of 21.45p, almost 16 per cent up on last year.

But David Morris, the chairman, reiterated the claim made by other electricity companies earlier in this year's reporting season that the industry is not in a dividend race.

"I'm paying almost no regard to the actions of others," he said. "The dividend is based on our underlying long-term financial performance."

The shares were cheered by the announcement, rising 5p in a generally stronger electricity sector to 513p.

Northern pushed pre-tax profits ahead from £98.2 million to £111.4 million in the year to end-March. Strong cashflow of £20 million, even after investing £31 million in the Teesside Power venture where it has a 15 per cent stake, cut year-end gearing from 16 per cent to 9 per cent. Production at the Teesside combined heat and power plant started on April 1.

Northern will pay a £10 rebate to all 1.3 million domestic customers this autumn, bringing total reductions in bills to the average household paying by direct debit this year to about 7 per cent.

Mr Morris admitted it was "extremely frustrating" this was just a percentage point below the increase planned next spring with the imposition of VAT on fuel bills, which will, therefore, wipe out the benefits passed on to customers from cost savings and cheaper coal contracts.

Northern cut its tariff by 2.7 per cent at the start of the year and by another 1 per cent for direct-debit customers in April. The £10 represents approximately another 3 per cent off the average bill.

Although the mass of the profits again came from the distribution side, the company has boosted the market share of its less-profitable supply business, with 400 new sites, including customers who were lost to other regional distributors after privatisation.

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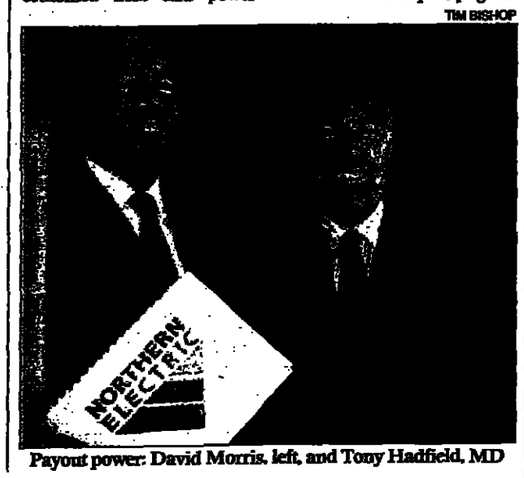

Payout power: David Morris, left, and Tony Hadfield, MD

Securiguard figures backed

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SECURIGUARD Group, fighting a £59 million takeover threat from Rentokil, the environmental services business, has included unprecedented letters of comfort from its auditors and brokers with its long-awaited interim trading announcement reassuring shareholders about accounting policies used.

Pre-tax profits jumped from £2.6 million to £3.53 million in the six months to May 16, well ahead of market expectations and sending the few analysts who research the company away to raise their forecasts for the year.

Securiguard's advisers conceded that the supporting letters, from BDO Binder Hamlyn and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, were designed to assuage market fears that the figures would be a "kitchen sink job" using every artifice to inflate profits.

The auditor admits that its financial review was "substantially less in scope than an audit" and can give no opinion on whether the figures are a true and fair view of Securiguard finances. The brokers say that the figures have been drawn up "after due and careful enquiry".

Alan Baldwin, Securiguard chairman, said inclusion of comfort letters was in line with recommendations in the Cadbury report on corporate governance and was to reassure shareholders that consistent accounting policies had been used.

The interim dividend rises by 1p to 4.5p, and Securiguard is forecasting a total payment of 11.5p, which would be 22 per cent more than last year. At the core of the profits rise is a better performance from communications, after a rise in volumes in a flat market.

Mr Baldwin said that there was no profit forecast because it was felt to be too early in the financial year.

However, Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, said: "I'm sure Securiguard shareholders will be disappointed and they will have to make up their own minds about that." He also said that there was "some conflict" between optimism in the interim statement on economic recovery and comments at the March annual meeting that trading remained difficult.

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Heron bondholders vote for £1.4bn restructuring

By Carl Mortished

Staying on: Gerald Ronson will be paid £2.5 million to run Heron for next five years

THE promised revolt of Heron's bondholders died yesterday with barely a whimper.

They had complained vociferously about excessive fees to advisers and lack of information about the current value of Gerald Ronson's collapsed property and petrol station group but in the end most of them fell into line at yesterday's meeting to approve the £1.4 billion restructuring. More than 80 per cent of Heron International NV's creditors by value and more than 75 per cent in number voted in favour of the scheme.

Gary Klesch of Klesch & Co, who claims to be advising some 10 per cent of bondholders by value, described the result as "a close call". He said Heron still had further hurdles to clear with US creditors before the restructuring was approved and he expressed doubts about the company's long-term future. "We are probably going to be looking at another restructuring in 6 to 12 months because the covenants are so tight," he said.

Heron's advisers, UBS and Price Waterhouse, had warned creditors failure to approve the restructuring would probably lead to a liquidation that would both reduce and delay the payout to creditors. The restructuring proposals envisage selling Heron's £1 billion of property over the next four years to repay borrowings.

Further meetings of creditors to approve the scheme of arrangement, already approved by Heron's bankers, will take place in the Netherlands tomorrow and in the Netherlands Antilles on July 5.

Under the scheme, Heron's bondholders, owed £450 million, will get a 52 per cent equity stake in Heron while the banks, led by Barclays, will take 43 per cent. The remaining 5 per cent is staying with Mr Ronson, his family and charitable trusts. Mr Ronson is to receive £500,000 a year to run the group over the next five years as well as share incentives that will entitle him to 25 per cent of the company if debts are repaid in full.

The process has cost the company some £50 million in fees to advisers since Heron announced in March last year it needed to restructure its debts. Bondholders have described the fees as "obscene" and criticised the lack of audited information. Heron's last published accounts, for the year to March 31, 1992, are only available in draft.

UBS said the 1992 accounts were unaudited because they were conditional on approval of the restructuring.

Takeovers boost European Motor

By Philip Pangalos

RICHARD Palmer, chief executive of European Motor Holdings, sounded a positive note on prospects, with vehicle reservations for the key August sales period, when the L registration plate comes in, up a healthy 20 per cent.

The fast-growing motor dealership to car wash supply group returns to dividends with a final payout of 2p, giving a total of 3.5p (nil) for the year, after pre-tax profits surged to £3.4 million in the year to end-March. There was a loss of £1.5 million last time, but this is not strictly comparable as this time's figures include a first-time ten-and-a-half-month contribution from the £18.4 million acquisition of the Wilcomatic car-wash operations and eight-and-a-half months from the £2.7 million Mill Garages purchase. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advanced to £117.1 million (£23.9 million).

Gearing was 34 per cent at the year-end, against nearly 60 per cent last time. Earnings per share were 7.3p (17.6p loss), with earnings on continuing businesses amounting to 8.5p a share (12.5p loss). The shares were unchanged at 115p.

Mr Palmer said Wilcomatic, which accounts for 50 per cent of group earnings and contributed £2.6 million to taxable profits, and Mill Garages, which chipped in £1 million to profits, "performed ahead of expectations" and he welcomed the bounce in August's vehicle reservations.

Mr Palmer, who in the 1980s built up Western Motors, subsequently acquired by Sir Ron Brierley's Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, has built up European Motor from a shell after the injection of the Thomas Robinson motor dealership in 1991. He is keen to expand the group, which has 20 motor dealerships, representing 30 franchises.

Norwegian chosen to head IFC

Washington — The World Bank has appointed Jannik Lindbaek, a Norwegian, to take charge of its loans to business. Mr Lindbaek, 54, will be executive vice-president of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which plans to lend about $2 billion this year.

Since 1986, Mr Lindbaek has been president of the Nordic Investment Bank. He succeeds Sir William Ryrie, who will retire in December.

Meanwhile, Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch central bank president, said his priority is for Amsterdam to be chosen as the site for the embryonic European Central Bank (ECB). *(Agencies)*

Everest warns

Everest Foods gave warning that profits for the last financial year would be down from the previous year's peak. Pre-tax profits, a record £3.31 million in the previous year, were unlikely to be less than £2 million this time, it said, though the company still intends to raise the final dividend.

Acsis halted

Acsis Group, the nursing agency and sales promotion group, had its shares suspended at 1.25p at its own request yesterday pending publication of refinancing proposals and preliminary results for 1992.

Raglan buys

Raglan Property Trust, based in Slough, has bought 18 shops from Dunn & Co and Phillips Pension Fund for a total of £7.3 million. The deal will be part-financed by a £6.3 million five-year loan.

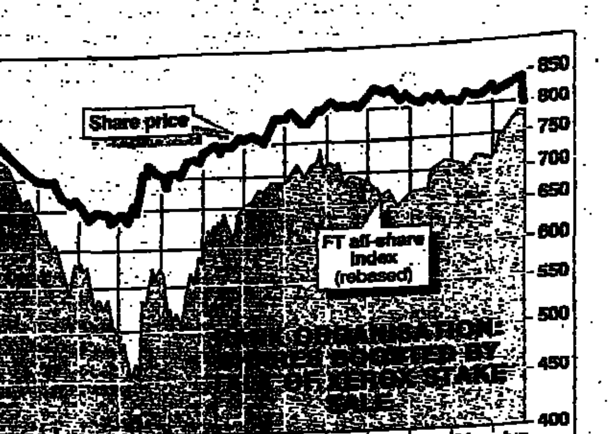
Land dispute

Geddes Resources and Royal Oak Mines, two Canadian mining companies, are claiming compensation of "several hundred million dollars" from the government of British Columbia after the designation as a park of certain mining land in which they are interested.

Results delay

Jones & Shipman, the machine tool maker, has postponed publication of its annual results while talks continue on a money-raising share issue. Figures for the year to March 31 are now not expected until September.

Tarmac shares leap as City looks for bid



TARMAC, the construction group, was placed on bid alert in the City as the shares jumped 7p to 141p, within a whisker of the 142p high for the year.

Speculators are now convinced that Tarmac may soon find itself receiving a bid from Minorco, the Luxembourg natural resources group. Earlier this month, Minorco sold its 36 per cent stake in Charter Consolidated for £235.5 million. This raises the group's cash balances to about $1 billion; Tarmac's market value last night was £1.02 billion.

Minorco has said that it wishes to expand and already has construction and quarrying interests in Germany. Minorco lost an early lead to finish 1p lighter at £10.82.

Meanwhile, **Charter Consolidated** rose 3p to 642p amid claims that it might be looking to buy parts of **English China Clays**, 3p off at 434p.

Business elsewhere got off to a cracking start, cheered by the pound's renewed strength and heavy support for the index on the futures market. However, the cash market was unable to maintain the early pace, despite an opening 22-point rise in the Dow Jones average on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an opening rise of more than 16 points whittled away to end 9.5 up at 2,897. Turnover was a lowly 500 million shares, and even this was artificially boosted by the take-up of the balance of shares in **Oliver Resources** at 2p. This increased the total by 46 million.

British Airways, a dull market of late, firmed 1p to 308p with the company's own broker, Cazenove, recommending the shares. It seems that Cazenove takes the view that recent selling has been overdone.

British Aerospace jumped 7p to 395p on hopes of an order for the Tornado bomber from South Korea. Brokers say that the deal could be worth as much as £360 million and may signal further orders from the Far East.

BAA, the airport operator, regained some of its composure after last week's fall on the back of persistent selling. The shares ended the session 18p up at 731p.

Rank Organisation leapt 15p to 795p on weekend reports that it plans to dispose of its 49 per cennt stake in Xerox, the photocopier giant. Talks with Xerox Corporation, which owns the other 51 per cent of Xerox, are reckoned to be already under way, but it may be another 18 months before a deal. Rank Xerox has come under intense competitive pressure from the Japanese in the past few years; profits, at £290 million in 1990, are expected to be below £200 million this year.

Rothmans International B climbed 12p to 704p as it began presentations for institutions about the restructuring proposals relating to Dunhill and Richemont. Early indications suggest that the group has received a favourable reception from fund managers quick to see the benefits of the deal.

There were few buyers for the rival **BAT Industries**, 1p shy at 428p after a profits downgrading by the stockbroker James Capel. It is said to have reduced its forecast for this year from £2 billion to £1.87 billion and for next time from £2.16 billion to £2.05 billion. Dealers say that the tobacco price war in the US has had more impact than had been expected.

Securiguard, the industrial cleaning and security group currently fighting a £59 million bid from Rentokil, was steady at 309p after reporting better than expected half-year figures. Pre-tax profits were up 35 per cent at £3.5 million. **Rentokil** rose 4p to 197p.

First-time dealings in **Metrotect Industries**, maker of pipeline protection products, saw the shares opening at an 8p premium over the 124p placing price. The shares eventually settled at 133p, a premium of 9p. Metrotect came to market after a management buyout from **BPB Industries**, up 2p at 220p.

Shares in **Acsis Group** were suspended pending details of a refinancing and restructuring package and publication of 1992 results.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: gilts took their lead from a strong pound, although profit-taking saw prices close below their best. However, dealers are confident that tomorrow's £3.2 billion auction will now be easily absorbed.

On the futures market, the September series of the long gilt jumped 22 ticks to £107⁷⁄₃₂ as 37,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** climbed 23 ticks to £108¹³⁄₁₆. In shorts, **Treasury 9 per cent 1999** added nine ticks at £111⁷⁄₃₂. Remaining supplies of **Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998**, issued last week, were exhausted.

MICHAEL CLARK

Phone lines between London and Dublin were red hot as Pan Andean Resources fell 3p to 9½p after a weekend buy recommendation was interpreted wrongly by a newspaper. Irish brokers continue to rate Pan Andean a buy. But the company's shares do carry a health warning.

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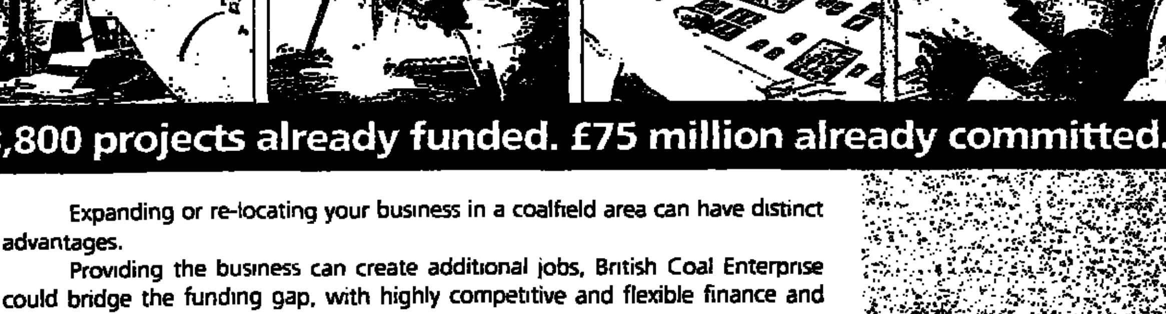

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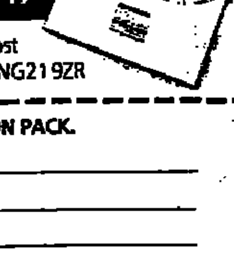

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New York — A long bond hovering just above record lows and some strength in the retail, technology and financial groups kept Wall Street stocks higher at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 20.21 at 3,511.

"The decline of long-term interest rates has injected a lot of good feeling and a healthy tone into the market," Hugh Johnson, of First Albany Corp, said.

Larry Wachtel, of Prudential Securities, said that the market's main strength came from bonds and the technology group, excluding personal computers. *(Reuter)*

	Jun 28 midday	Jun 25 close
AMP Inc	62¾	61¼
AMR Corp	62¾	61¼
Abbott Labs	26¾	26¾
Aetna Life	54¾	54¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	39¾	39¾
Albertson's	53¾	52¾
Alcan Aluminum	18¾	18¾
Alco Standard	49¾	49¾
Allied Signal	66¾	66
Alum Co of Am	68	68¾
Amax	22¾	22¾
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	33¾	33
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	52¾
Amer El Power	37¾	37
Amer Express	31	31
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	32
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	129¾	128¾
Amer Stores	45	44¾
Amer T & T	62¾	62¾
Ameritech	79¾	78¾
Amoco	55¾	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾
Apple Computer	39	40
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	10	9¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	32	31¼
Asarco	18¾	18¾
Ashland Oil	26	25¾
Atl Richfield	116¾	116¾
Auto Data Pro	48¾	48¾
Avery Dennison	29¾	29¾
Avon Products	57¾	56¾
Baker Hughes	26½	26½
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¾
Banc One	56¾	55¾
BankAmerica	44¾	44
Bank of NY	59¾	58¾
Bankers Tr NY	72¾	71¾
Barnett Banks	48¾	48¾
Bausch & Lomb	49	49¾
Baxter Intl	28¼	28¼
Bectn Dickinsn	39¾	38¾
Bell Atlantic	58¾	57¾
BellSouth	55	55
Black & Decker	19¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	34¾
Boeing	38¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	24¾	24
Borden Inc	19	18¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¾	58¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	26
Burlington Nthn	53¾	52¾
CBS	227¾	228¾
CNA Financial	95¾	94¾
CPC Intl	41¾	41
CSX	70¾	68¾
Campbell Soup	39¾	39¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cpd Cities ABC	500	503¾
Cpd Holdings	39¾	39¾
Carolina Pwr	33¾	32¾
Caterpillar	74¾	72¾
Central & SW	32¾	32¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	31¾	31
Chemical Bk	41¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	86¾	86¾
Chrysler	46¾	45¾
Chubb Corp	86¾	85¾
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Citicorp	29¾	29¾
Clorox	49¾	48¾
Coastal Corp	26¾	26¾
Coca Cola	43¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	57¾	56¾
Columbia Gas	25	24¾
Commonw Ed	27¾	27¾
Compaq Comp	53¾	54
Comp Ass Int	29	28¾
Conagra	25¾	25¾
Cons Edison	35¾	35¾
Cons Nat Gas	53¾	53
Cons Rail	53¾	52¾
Cooper Inds	50¾	50¾
Corning Inc	34¾	34¾
Crown Cork	38	37¾
Dana Corp	53¾	53¾
Dayton Hudson	65¾	65¾
Deere	64¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	47¾	47¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	38¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	41¾	40¾
Dillard Dept St	37	36¾
Disney (Walt)	41¾	41¾
Dominion Res	45¾	44
Donnelley (RR)	28¾	28¾
Dover Corp	46¾	46¾
Dow Chemicals	55	54¾
Dow Jones	27¾	27¾
Dresser	23¾	23¾
Duke Power	39¾	39¾
Dun & Bradstreet	58¾	57¾
Du Pont	48¾	47¾
Eastman Kodak	51	51
Eaton Corp	90¾	89¾

	Jun 28 midday	Jun 25 close
Emerson Elec	59	59¾
Engelhard Corp	39¼	36¼
Enron Corp	63¾	62¾
Entergy Corp	36	35¾
Ethyl Corp	28¼	28¼
Exxon	65¾	65¾
FMC Corp	44¼	43¾
FPL Group	38	37¾
Federal Express	46¼	46¼
Fed Nat Mtge	85¾	83¾
First Chicago	42¾	41¼
First Interstate	62¾	60¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33	32¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42¾
Ford Motor	51¼	50¾
GTE Corp	36¼	36¾
Gannett	49¾	48¾
Gap Inc Del	31¼	31¼
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¾
Gen Electric	95¾	94¼
Gen Mills	65¾	65¾
Gen Motors	43¾	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	115¾	114¾
Gen Signal	67¼	66¼
Genuine Parts	36	35¾
Georgia Pac	58¼	59
Gillette	54¼	52¾
Glaxo ADR	17	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	43¾	43¼
Goodyear Tire	40¾	40¾
Grace (WR)	40¾	40¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	32¾	33¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¼	16
Halliburton	38	37
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	76¼	76
Hershey Foods	47	47½
Hewlett Packard	83¾	82¾
Hilton Hotels	47¾	47¾
Home Depot	43¾	42¾
Homestake Mng	19¼	19
Honeywell	36¾	36¾
Household Intl	66¼	65¾
Houston Inds	43¾	43¾
Humana	10½	10
ITT Corp	84¼	83¾
Illinois Tool	37¾	37¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	34½	33¾
Inland Steel	28	27¾
Intel Corp	55	54¾
IBM	50¾	49¾
Intl Flav & Fr	115	114
Intl Paper	65¾	64¼
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	41¾
K Mart	20¾	30
Kellogg	54¾	54¾
Kerr-McGee	49¾	48¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	52¾	52¾
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	51¼
Limited Inc	21¼	21¼
LIN Brdcstng	99¾	98¾
Lincoln Nat	78¼	76¾
Litton	65¾	66¾
Liz Claiborne	30	30¾
Lockheed Corp	65¾	64¾
Louisiana Pac	31¾	31¾
MCI Commun	56	56
Marriott	25¾	25
Marsh & McLnn	86¾	86
Masco Corp	30¾	30¾
May Dept St	38¾	37¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15
McCaw Cellular	44	43¾
McDonalds	49¾	49¾
McDonnell D	73¾	72¾
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	44¾	43¾
Medtronic	64¾	64¾
Mellon Bk	58¾	57¾
Melville Corp	45¾	45¾
Merck Inc	36	36¾
Merrill Lynch	79¾	78¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	73	74¾
Monsanto	59¾	59¾
Morgan (JP)	67	66¾
Motorola Inc	88	86¾
Natl Medical	10¾	9¾
Natl Semi	18¾	18
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Nordstrom	27¾	28¾
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Norwest Corp	32¾	52
Nynex Corp	88¾	87¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	24¾	34¾
Oracle Systems	47¾	46¾

	Jun 28 midday	Jun 25 close
Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	40¾	40¾
PNC Financial	31¾	31¾
PPG Industries	69¾	69¾
Paccar Inc	59¾	60
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24¾	24¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¼	33
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	24¾	24¾
Paramount Comm	55¾	55¾
Parker Hannifin	33¾	33¾
Penney (JC)	46¾	45¾
Pennzoil	64¾	63
Pepsico	37	36¾
Pfizer	68¾	68¾
Phelps Dodge	43¾	43¾
Philadel Elec	30¾	30¾
Philip Morris	49¾	49
Phillips Pet	28¾	28¾
Pitney Bowes	41¾	41¾
Polaroid	38¾	37¾
Price Co	35¾	35¾
Primerica	51¾	48¾
Procter & Gmbl	50¾	50
Pub Serv E & G	34¾	34
Quaker Oats	73¾	74¾
Ralston Purina	45¾	45¾
Raychem Corp	39¾	38¾
Raytheon	60¾	61
Reebok Intl	28¾	27¾
Reynolds Metals	44¾	44¾
Roadway Srvcs	58¾	57¾
Rockwell Intl	33¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	55	55
Royal Dutch	92¾	92
Rubbermaid	29¾	29¾
Safeco Corp	57¾	57¾
St Pauls Cos	80¾	80
Salomon Inc	38¾	38¾
Santa Fe S Pac	17¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	24¾	24¾
Seacorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	66¾	70¾
Schlumberger	64¾	64¾
Scott Paper	33¾	33
Seagram	26¾	26¾
Sears Roebuck	54¾	52¾
Shell Trans	58¾	58¾
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	16¾	16¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	42¾	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	38	37¾
Sprint Corp	33¾	33¾
Stanley Works	39¾	39¾
Sun Company	24¾	23¾
Suntrust	47¾	46¾
Supervalu	33¾	33¾
Syntex Corp	16¾	16¾
Sysco Corp	26¾	26¾
TRW Inc	63¾	63
Tandem Comp	12¾	11¾
Tandy Corp	29	29¾
Telecom Corp	4¾	3¾
Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Temple Inland	44¾	44¾
Tenneco	50¾	49¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Inst	70¾	69¾
Texas Utilities	45¾	45¾
Textron	59¾	59¾
Time Warner	39¾	39
Times-Mirror	29¾	29¾
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	53¾	53¾
Toys R Us	36¾	36¾
Transamerica	52¾	52¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	31¾
Tribune	54¾	54¾
Tyco Labs	41	40
UAL Corp	122¾	121¾
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
USX Marathon	17¾	16¾
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Union Camp	42¾	42¾
Union Carbide	18¾	19
Union Pacific	61¾	61
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USAir Group	15¾	16
USF&G Corp	18¾	17¾
US Life	39¾	39¾
US West	45¾	44¾
United Tech	54¾	55
Unocal Corp	29¾	28¾
Upjohn	30	30¾
VF Corp	47¾	47¾
WMX Tech	33¾	32¾
Wal-Mart Stores	26¾	26¾
Warner-Lambert	70¾	71¾
Wells Fargo	109¾	107¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	41¾	42
Whirlpool	55¾	53¾
Whitman	13¾	13¾
Winn Dixie	57¾	59¾
Woolworth	27¾	27¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34¾	34¾
Xerox	80¾	79¾

Council ballot helps to lift Tokyo shares

Tokyo — Shares ended firmer, but the Nikkei failed to reach 20,000 because of profit-taking and closed up 227.19, or 1.16 per cent, at 19,886.76. Tokyo city council elections, in which the ruling Liberal Democrats made gains, eased concern about national politics as parliamentary elections loom.

Foreign investors, expecting easier credit with a stronger yen, helped to lift shares. However, the Nikkei shed some early gains after nearing the 20,000 barrier, peaking at 19,976.61.

□ **Hong Kong** — Shares rose sharply on the announcement of more talks on Hong Kong's controversial new airport. The Hang Seng closed up 134.02, or 1.91 per cent, at 7,148.1. China-linked shares were the main focus. Investors sought smaller firms that could give China backdoor entry to Hong Kong's stock market, brokers said.

□ **Frankfurt** — The Dax rose 11.96 to 1,707.2 on firmer German bonds, hopes of a rate cut and the higher dollar. Investment funds tried to keep Dax shares up for good first-half figures. *(Reuter)*

AG Holdings (125)	124	+4	First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12	...
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Carpetright (148)	169	-1	Nrthrn Ireland Elecr (100)	125½	...
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...	OGC (130)	123	...
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Crabtree (150)	203	...	Quayle Munro (118)	135	...
Drew Scientific (105)	133	...	RJB Mining (250)	229	...
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DC Gardner	51p (+10p)	SA Breweries	675p (-23p)
Takeda Chem	812p (+16p)	W Sinclair	196p (-36p)
VSEL	790p (+17p)	Liberty Life	942p (-13p)
Euro Disney	810p (+15p)	Sappi	456p (-9p)
Rothmans 'B'	704p (+12p)	Mitel	262p (-35p)
BAA	731p (+18p)	Sage Group	503p (-17p)
Antofagasta	763p (+35p)	BOC	690p (-10p)
J Billam	298p (+10p)	ADT	583p (-7p)
Diploma	508p (+10p)	Wellcome	686p (-9p)
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Rank Org	796p (+16p)		

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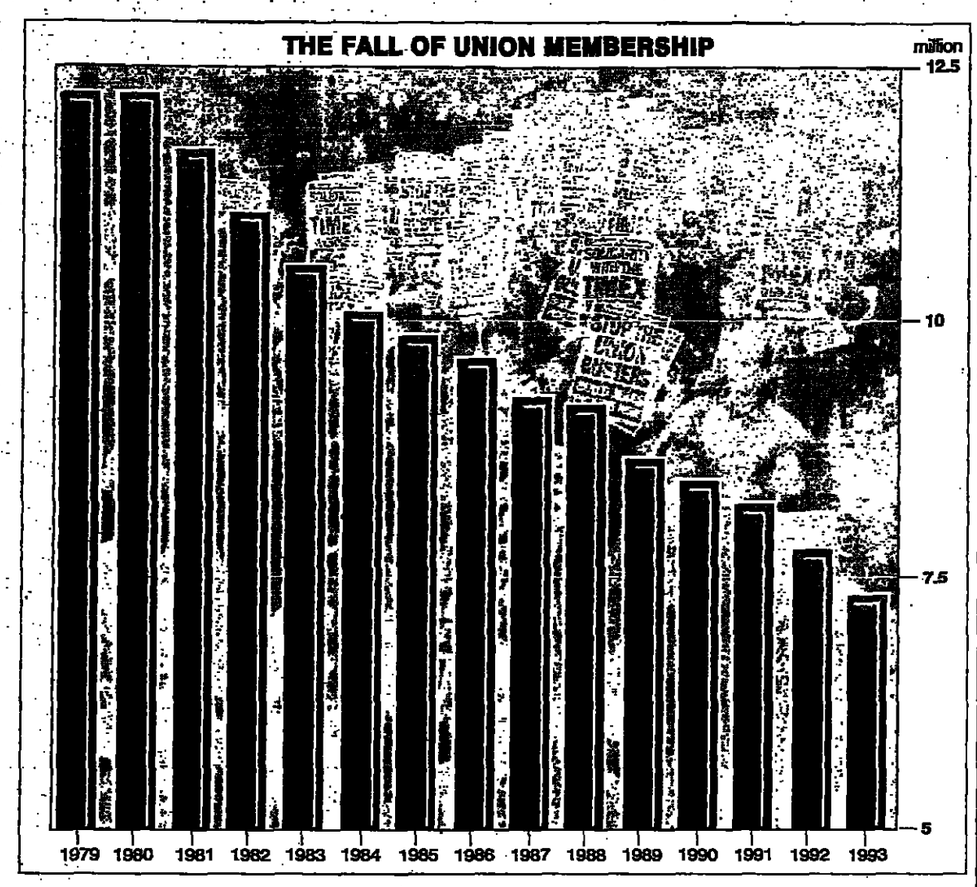
How long will Unison prevail in the age of super unions?

As three unions combine to form the biggest in Britain, **Philip Bassett** asks whether mergers will solve the problem of falling membership



From midnight tomorrow, a new chapter opens in British trade unionism. For 71 years Britain's biggest union has been the Transport and General. But no longer: the mantle will pass to an organisation with a name few outside trade union circles will have heard — Unison. Formed in a merger between Nalgo, the local government union, Nupe, the public employees' union, and Cohse, the health union, Unison points to the future of trade unionism in Britain — not just in the public sector, where Unison's impact as a negotiating force will be felt most directly, but in the private sector as a harbinger of what is likely to come.

The ousting by Unison of the once-mighty TGWU, whose membership of just over one million members is half the level of the peak reached in the late 1970s, is symptomatic of the changing nature of trade unionism in Britain. What used to be the core of union membership in Britain — male, manual, semi-skilled and unskilled workers in private industry — is no longer. Those areas were hardest hit by employment changes, whereas the areas in which Unison organises, though affected by government cutbacks in local authority and health service funding and by services being contracted out to the private sector, have been much more protected.

Female membership of trade unions is actually growing, as male membership continues to fall. Trade unionism in Britain is now largely buttressed by the public sector. The highest union density levels are in white-collar work — 52 per cent of employees in professional occupations are union members, according to recent figures from the department of employment, compared to 43 per cent of craft workers and 30 per cent of clerical staff.

Despite such a relatively strong membership base, the pressures on unions in the current climate are still tough. Figures just published by the TUC show that even Unison is losing members: its membership of almost 1.5 million is almost 26,000 less than the combined membership of the three merging unions in 1991.

Falling membership and a smaller proportion of companies recognising unions are among the reasons forcing them into mergers. Just as demerger is becoming fashionable among companies, with such splits as ICI and Zeneca, mergers are a growing trend among unions, with the emergence of "super unions".

In 1979, when total union membership stood at 13.3 million, there were 453 unions in Britain. Now, with membership at 9.5 million and falling, there are 275. That fall is only part of the story: of the current total union membership, 65 per cent are in the ten largest unions. More than half are in the five largest.

Unison is well placed to mop up other public sector unions. The proposed TGWU-GMB merger, which would form an even larger union, with more than 1.8 million members, would form a super union for the semi-skilled and unskilled in the private sector. Skilled workers are going to be catered for by an expanded AEEU, itself the product of a merger between the old engineering workers and electricians unions, and the natural home — despite their political differences — of the MSF technical union, to form a third bloc with about 1.4 million members.

As bargaining with employers on the one hand and servicing individual employees on the other becomes increasingly fragmented, unions are more attracted by the economies of scale mergers offer. But the timescale of union mergers is prolonged and the financial savings can take take some time to come through, with many merged unions still having too many officials and too much property long after the merger has taken place. Unison, for instance, will have three general secretaries, with Alan Jinkinson, from Nalgo, playing lead role, while arguments over headquarters have led Unison to take a new HQ in London's Holborn as well as retaining the large offices of the three constituent unions.

But mergers are far from risk-free for unions. Employers may take the opportunity to examine their own arrangements. Some merged unions have found the employers with whom the constituent unions of the merger bargained no longer willing to deal with the merged body: the GPMU print union, formed from the old NGA and Sogat unions, found itself de-recognised by a number of employers who had recognised Sogat, but who were unwilling to deal with a new group featuring the former NGA.

Similarly, employers willing to recognise Unison now might balk at the idea of dealing with a large union outside its own area should the new union draw others into its grouping: the civil service is a good example, if one of the unions there were to consider — as at least one is — joining forces with Unison. Ministers are not keen about the idea of seeing Rodney Bickerstaffe, likely to be the first sole Unison general secretary, sitting across the table from them negotiating on civil service pay.

Employers, too, may be wary about Unison's industrial militancy. If not yet completely a thing of the past in the private sector, with unemployment still close to 3 million strikes are a rarity there. Whereas each month, as civil servants brief journalists on the strike figures, the main — often the only — area of strike activity is the public sector, and especially local government. Some local authority employers are convinced that in order to prove its mettle, Unison will mount some kind of reasonably large strike action in its first year, though Unison officials insist such suspicions are groundless. Employers will be glad that the emergence of the super union may reduce conflict between unions. A few weeks from now, the government's latest trade union bill will become law, and one of its provisions effectively prohibits the TUC's mechanism for resolving inter-union dispute — the "Bridlington" principles. By forging a number of unions into one, inter-union conflict is internalised and reduced.

But the rise of the super unions poses a further threat to the TUC itself. Long marginalised by government, and with the bill's removal of Bridlington outlawing much of its very spine, the sheer scale of the super unions takes away from the TUC another slice of its *raison d'etre*: what can the TUC do that the new giant unions cannot do for themselves?

The super unions also pose problems for the Labour party. Labour modernisers already believe that the power wielded by a handful of trade union leaders is both disproportionate in the party and inappropriate to the modern age: the current row in the party on the issue of one member, one vote centres around this. John Edmonds, of the GMB, this month attacked the party leadership, which does not look forward to the day when he might represent a membership more than double the size of that in his current position.

Yet it is clear that super unions will form an important part of the future for trade unionism. What is not at all clear, though, is whether they will be any better at doing their job than unions are now. Unison may be knocking the TGWU off its perch tomorrow, but the real question is how long will there be a perch there worth sitting on.

TEMPUS

Brent crude reality

ECONOMIC recovery is normally said to claim as many corporate victims as recession. Businesses that have been starved of cash and amassed heavy debts during a downturn, can fold when their banks discover they do not have the working capital to meet rising orders and service their interest bills.

In this recovery, by contrast, there have been no large corporate crashes so far. After suffering such heavy bad debts early in the recession, the banks have performed financial contortions to prevent further receiverships.

Brent Walker's figures are a graphic example of the lengths that banks are prepared to go. Brent is a reasonable manager of pubs and betting shops, with a completely unreasonable £1.3 billion debt burden. With sound management it might one day be able to achieve operating profits of £100 million, but its interest bill is still running at more than £200 million. Even though the market for property and leisure assets is improving, a break-up would yield only a fraction of the amount the group owes.

Nevertheless, Brent Walker is still alive and likely to remain so. Most of the interest is being rolled up into preference shares, and the banks seem sanguine that their covenants continue to be breached. The largest cloud on Brent's horizon is that a £350 million loan to William Hill becomes due next April, but the company is confident of renegotiation.

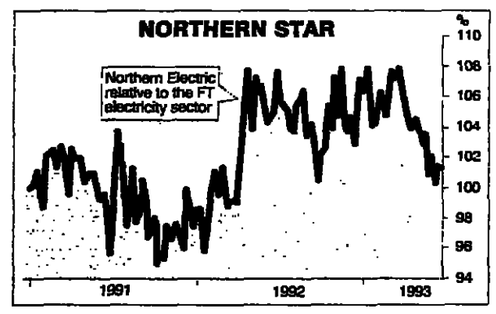
Brent is a financial zombie, which should stagger along until its banks face the future, and decide whether to break it up and recover what they can or write off most of their lending. The 10p share price is a sign of the market's ability to back lost causes.

Northern Electric

THIS summer's dividend race between the regional electricity companies is hotting up. East Midlands outstripped City forecasts with a 14 per cent rise but was soon overtaken by Manweb's 15 per cent. Now, Northern has advanced by 15.6 per cent, and with four more RECs reporting this week it could well be topped.

Northern's dividend increase does not look excessive. The 13 per cent profits rise, from cost cuts and rising demand, means Northern's dividend cover is unchanged at 3.2 times. The company's customers are also benefiting from its increased efficiency. Its decision to pay a £10 rebate in the autumn means its average bill will have fallen by 6 per cent this year, which should help to keep Offer at bay.

Northern's shares fared badly after privatisation because the City feared that David Morris, the chairman, would lead an acquisition spree. The reverse has been true and Northern has gained a following. The company could progressively reduce its dividend cover to as little 2.5 times, giving scope for a 27.7p dividend without any further improvement in business. Even this year's yield could be 4.2 per cent, so the shares remain attractive.



Securiguard

THE Rentokil/Securiguard bid may be the only shooting match in town, and attracting disproportionate attention as a result, but there seems no need for everyone to be quite so jumpy. These are difficult times, and expensive ones in which to get things wrong. But the letters accompanying Securiguard's interim figures look like a waste of professional fees.

BDO Binder Hamlyn says in essence little more than this: "We don't think the figures are wrong, but without of a full audit we cannot guarantee it". BZW's missive is even less use and can be paraphrased as: "We think everything is in order but do not blame us if it isn't". Securiguard must feel unflattered by such a vote of confidence from its advisers.

The market was hardly galvanised by Securiguard's interims, even though they were so much better than expected, and so long-awaited. The share price stuck on 309p yesterday. Rentokil now has until today week to decide how much more than 270p it is prepared to pay. A sighting range of 320p-350p looks fair. This is the group's first hostile bid, and Securiguard shareholders can only hope its directors will be tempted into being over-generous.

Airtours

THE current dearth of hostile bids is hardly surprising considering the cost, win or lose. Airtours' failed bid for Owners Abroad cost £9 million — a heavy price for acquiring nothing, particularly for a company with £36.5 million pre-tax profits last year.

City firms may view the readiness of companies to pay such costs with glee. Shareholders will be less keen. For them the money would have been better spent on a 10p a share special dividend, ten times more than they recived as the interim payout. The launch of a higher offer in the closing stages of the bid doubled the underwriting bill and a £3.9 million loss on the disposal of Owners Abroad shares hardly smacks of sound financial husbandry.

At least the Owners Abroad episode had some benefits for Airtours. The £50 million raised during the bid has bolstered cash balances. The acquisition of Hogg Robinson and now Aspro Travel were sensible moves, adding critical mass to Airtours' existing strengths. If Airtours can increase Aspro's load factors and utilisation to match its own, the financial benefits will be considerable.

Although these newly-acquired companies will incur one-off integration costs in the current year, the long-term benefits will be considerable. On a prospective p/e ratio of less than 13, the shares look good value, as long as the company does not spend any more of its shareholders' funds on similar quixotic ventures.

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Sticky moments from LWT

MANY women still find their path to the board blocked by a double-glazed glass ceiling, but most would-be female executives remain firmly planted on a "sticky floor", it was said yesterday as Greg Dyke, chief executive of London Weekend Television, accepted the London Business School's 1993 Women in Business Award for its commitment to promoting and developing women managers. Few British companies have gone so far as the winner to help women up the career ladder, but there was still a long way to climb, said LWT, which now boasts 114 women managers out of 246. But despite recession, competition among companies keen to prove their pro-women credentials had "never been stiffer", organisers said. Accompanied by Helen Auty, LWT's head of human resource development, Dyke said: "British business is still light years behind the US. Our commitment to women's training has meant that in 1992 more than 60 women have benefited from career and life planning skills courses. All this is not carried out as a 'nice to have you' policy but because it makes sense economically and ethically to value, support and develop the 37 per cent of our workforce who are women." Two other companies were also praised: *LOOT*, the London daily free-advertising paper, and the Macro Group, a semiconductor business run by Harriet Green, who climbed from a sales trainee to managing director in seven years.

"Rift? What rift?": Rowland, left, and Middleton

Cooked up

THEY say there's no smoke without fire, but in the case this weekend's report of a "damaging rift" between David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's of London, and his sidekick Peter Middleton, the chief executive, the fire was of very different proportions. Tension between the two men was said to be threatening to undermine efforts to attract fresh sources of capital to save the troubled insurance market from collapse. But the Sunday paper report surprised both Middleton and Rowland, who were at the time enjoying each other's company over Sunday lunchtime barbeque in the garden of Rowland's London house. The only bone of contention was who would have the last chicken leg, they joked yesterday.

Closing the ledger

AFTER 43 years with Barclays Bank, George Cracknell retires tomorrow as deputy managing director of the banking division on the eve of his 60th birthday. Cracknell, who is still busy putting the finishing touches to Heron International's reconstruction as chairman of the banks' steering committee, will keep up with "the magical Heron" from home until the July 28 deadline. Anxious to keep up his links with the City through two non-executive directorships at First National Finance and Baronsmead, with yet another in the pipeline, Cracknell will continue as treasurer of the Institute of Bankers until next March. "I want to keep my brain in gear, but of course there will be much more time now for travelling and taking the dog for a walk. And then there's the garden that I have to sort out," says Cracknell, who began his banking career in 1950 at the Brompton Road branch of Barclays in Knightsbridge. His time at the bank was interrupted only by two years of national service and a secondment to the Treasury way back in 1969.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

No man is an island at Lloyd's

From Mr A. F. J. Wilson

Sir, Methinks the chairman doth protest too much!

At the Lloyd's AGM last week, David Rowland said that to "put the lights out in Lime Street... [would be] a further illustration to the world of the terminal decline of Britain as a great trading nation".

But, with half the Lloyd's syndicates already with years in run-off, isn't that exactly what is being done? The names are being ruined year by year so that, effectively, the last to trade through will be delegated the task of switching off the last light.

Mr Rowland should ponder for whom the Lutine bell really tolls: it tolls for thee, Mr Rowland, for thee!

Yours faithfully,
A.F.J. WILSON
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NW3.

European union is a threat to world trade

From Mr Peter Ward

Sir, How plainly true is George Brock's analysis (*The Times*, June 21) of the dilemma facing Europe, or rather Europe's iridividual countries. Perceptively, he points out that even inward investment is threatened by closer union, with further loss of jobs.

It is already too late for Europe: we live in the world, like it or not, and an imbalance cannot hold. To fear European union as defined at Maastricht is not to be anti-European but pro-world. For those who share my desperation, what recourse is left?

If the Conservatives were once the party of national self-respect, were not the Liberals the party of free trade and individual freedom? The European Community acts increasingly in restraint of trade and is informed by an unrepresentative bureaucracy.

In the face of this new protectionism, can the Liberal Democrats not see on which side their electoral bread is buttered? Why do they not seize the opportunity and provide the leadership that we have been so shabbily denied?

Yours sincerely,
PETER WARD,
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South Godstone, Surrey.

Do the high street banks have consciences?

From Mrs Lyn Siddle

Sir, In the light of the recent debate concerning ethics and morals in business, could someone please inform me as to whether the banks have any such scruples?

In my case, I had charges upon charges, which eventually were refunded. However, I note that the interest debited from my account has not been returned.

Are the banks' business charters worth the paper they are written on?

Yours faithfully,
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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1993

Against a background of continued recession in many economies and a decline in consumer confidence in certain markets, Richemont can report a further improvement in profitability for the year.

Financial Highlights

	1993	1992		
Net Sales Revenue	£ 3 430.7 m	£ 3 108.3 m	+	10.4 %
Profit before Tax	£ 651.9 m	£ 620.1 m	+	5.1 %
Profit attributable to Unitholders	£ 206.6 m	£ 197.3 m	+	4.7 %
Earnings per Unit	£ 35.98	£ 34.36	+	4.7 %
Dividends per Unit	£ 5.88¾	£ 5.62½	+	4.7 %

The group's operating profit for the year increased by 3.3% to £ 603.3 million. Operating profit from tobacco operations increased by 12.6% to £ 413.4 million while operating profit from luxury products showed a slight decrease of 5.5% to £ 202.8 million.

Profit attributable to unitholders increased by 4.7% to £ 206.6 million; earnings per unit increased by the same percentage to £35.98. The Board of Directors has proposed an increase of 4.7% in the level of dividend in line with the increase in attributable profit, bringing the dividend payable per Richemont unit to £5.88¾. Both earnings per unit and the dividend per unit reflect the 10-for-1 subdivision of Richemont units which took effect on 6 October 1992.

Richemont is a Swiss company which operates in the fields of tobacco products and luxury goods. Richemont's tobacco interests are held through Rothmans International p.l.c. Its interests in the luxury goods industry are held through its controlling interests in Cartier Monde SA, including Cartier, Piaget and Baume & Mercier, and Dunhill Holdings PLC, including Alfred Dunhill, Montblanc, Karl Lagerfeld and Chloé.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	120.30	128.60	+0.60	1.14
International	92.65	98.56	+0.55	.54
Dividend Gth	57.88	61.55	+0.19	4.57
Global Gth Sec	62.15	66.11	-0.06	3.37
Ethical Growth	65.35	69.52†	+0.01	2.27
High Inc Equity	151.40	161.00	+0.40	4.89
Worldwide Bond	273.60	290.10†	-0.40	3.62
Gilts Fixed Int	130.20	138.00†	+0.30	5.80
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	43.67	46.10	-0.35	0.68
European	80.86	85.67	-0.57	...
European Inc	77.47	82.27†	-0.43	1.82
Exempt	922.20	948.80†	+4.30	3.34
Extra Inc	43.44	47.22†	-0.22	4.89
F East Emerg Ec	85.42	92.35	-0.73	0.70
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	383.80	410.20	+1.10	4.01
Equity Inc	215.90	230.70	+0.70	3.95
High Yield	237.40	253.70	+0.70	4.04
Balanced	642.70	687.00†	-0.80	2.57
American Inc	48.70	52.06	-0.25	3.09
Wld Asset Val	40.06	42.82	-0.01	1.05
Japan	203.50	216.80	-0.10	0.01
Secs of Am	409.80	436.00†	-0.50	0.58
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	315.80	336.00	+1.40	2.67
-do- Inc	223.70	238.00	+0.80	2.67
Higher Inc Acc	576.80	613.70	+1.90	3.62
-do- Inc	350.50	372.90	+1.20	3.62
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	177.70	187.60	+0.50	6.12
-do- Inc	93.11	98.34	+0.25	6.12
Nth America	257.60	274.10	-0.30	...
Far East	307.00	326.60	-4.90	0.14
Europe	225.20	239.60	-1.10	1.01
General Inc	429.80	457.30	-2.10	2.38
-do- Acc	471.50	501.60	-2.30	2.38
Brit Excell	63.80	67.88†	+0.25	2.70
Brit Fndmtls Inc	67.40	71.71	+0.20	4.83
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.88	92.43	+0.25	4.83
Global Opps	73.26	77.94†	+0.13	0.00
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	250.10	263.30	+3.90	1.35
Capital Gwth	101.20	106.50	...	2.54
Worldwide Opps	152.90	160.90	...	0.00
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	107.00	114.30	+0.60	2.86
Euro Gth Inc	114.70	121.70	-0.10	1.90
Extra Inc	107.10	114.50	+0.30	4.89
General	242.90	259.80	+1.20	2.97
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.40	60.37†	+0.07	8.20
Income	492.70	526.90	+1.60	4.37
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.47	99.34	-0.52	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	120.00	128.70	+0.20	...
Convertibles	53.25	56.95†	+0.08	7.10
Eastern	188.20	202.80	+0.60	1.60
Equity Income	82.79	88.07	+0.13	6.30
European Gth	227.60	241.70	-0.70	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.30	158.20†	-1.60	1.90
Exempt	84.03	86.15	...	3.60
German Growth	57.47	61.18	+0.40	0.70
Global Growth	109.50	117.10	...	...
Japan Growth	204.60	219.00	+1.70	...
Japan Sunrise	178.00	190.20	+1.20	...
Portfolio	119.30	127.60	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	212.70	227.50	+0.30	3.20
UK Growth	82.88	88.16†	-0.13	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.46	92.47	+0.09	1.90
Select Managers	63.98	68.48	+0.11	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	106.30	113.69	+0.40	1.87
-do- Inc	96.63	103.35	+0.37	1.87
Global Bond	29.61	31.42†	-0.07	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.35	58.13	+0.11	3.50
-do- Inc	39.45	42.19	+0.08	3.50
Smllr Cos Acc	93.46	99.96	+0.39	1.35
-do- Inc	85.90	91.88†	+0.36	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	58.42	62.48	-0.35	...
-do- Inc	57.33	61.32	-0.34	...
Euro Gth Acc	99.72	106.65	-0.38	1.07
-do- Inc	98.35	105.19	-0.37	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.50	37.96	...	1.29
Pacific Growth	103.58	110.78	+0.25	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	88.62	94.78	+0.04	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	127.60	135.90	+0.60	3.08
Smaller Cos Acc	305.30	326.70	+0.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	177.60	190.00	+0.10	1.14
High Inc	70.97	76.29†	+0.08	6.87
Income	128.50	137.50	+0.20	4.00
Mngd P folio Inc	96.03	102.30	+0.40	1.94
-do- Acc	181.50	193.20	+0.70	...
North American	104.10	110.90	-0.50	0.30
Orient	132.80	142.90†	+0.20	...
Recovery	42.07	45.23†	-0.06	2.47
German	39.71	42.58	-0.42	0.09
Intl Growth	33.77	35.96	-0.05	0.22
European Inc	21.95	23.65	-0.29	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.73	65.68	-0.13	1.45
-do- Acc	69.99	74.04	-0.14	1.45
Income Fund 5	215.20	229.00	-0.50	4.13
-do- Acc	500.80	532.80	+1.10	4.13
Inv Portfolio	68.38	70.86	+0.34	2.05
-do- Acc	77.21	80.01	+0.38	2.05
Smaller Cos	129.10	137.40†	+0.40	1.51
-do- Acc	156.20	166.20†	+0.40	1.51
High Inc P folio	60.98	63.20	+0.12	4.62
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Shr Gilt Fxd Int	66.38	67.28	-0.06	5.77
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	135.30	144.01†	+0.30	1.68
UK Growth	148.80	158.40	+0.80	2.10
UK Income	124.00	132.00	+0.30	4.14
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	87.23	93.30	+0.62	0.98
Growth	44.32	47.40	+0.19	2.83
Income	54.23	58.00	+0.10	4.14
Far East	49.29	52.72	+0.16	...
North American	86.36	92.37	+0.03	...
Global	85.93	91.91	+0.68	0.86
European	70.16	74.96	-0.20	1.03
Japan	115.80	123.90	+0.70	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.00	63.98	-0.39	5.04
UK Cap Gwth	80.54	86.14	+0.34	1.95
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AP Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.80	139.20	-1.30	0.22
-do- Acc	139.00	147.90	-1.50	0.22
European	66.16	70.07	-0.10	0.76
-do- Acc	68.58	72.62	-0.11	0.76
Far East Gen	66.84	71.11	-0.03	...
-do- Acc	66.84	71.11	-0.03	...
[illegible]	258.90	273.30	+0.70	0.67
-do- Acc	291.50	310.20	+0.80	0.67
Growth	383.30	410.00	+1.60	2.22
-do- Acc	656.20	701.90	+2.90	2.22
Income Growth	378.80	403.00	+0.90	3.77
-do- Acc	503.70	535.90	+1.20	3.77
Master Portfolio	9648.0	9997.0	+49.00	2.20
-do- Acc	11160.0	11570.0	+57.00	2.20
Special Sits	88.17	93.80	+1.34	2.19
-do- Acc	103.18	109.77	+1.57	2.19
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1204.0	1242.0†	+3.00	4.33
-do- Acc	1421.0	1465.0	+3.00	4.33
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5085				
American Index	194.00	206.90	-2.20	1.60
Capital	538.40	574.50	+3.30	2.36
Eurotrack 100	131.10	139.60	...	1.48
Euro Gth	81.06	86.41	-0.14	1.30
Far East Growth	94.36	100.70	+0.20	0.07
Global Bond	24.18	25.49	-0.21	6.46
Hong Kong	83.76	89.39	+0.76	0.77
Income	503.90	537.70	+1.00	3.92
Intl Growth	74.57	79.58†	-0.28	0.98
Japan Growth	278.80	297.50	-0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.62	38.01	+0.14	...
Japan Index	82.40	87.94	+0.43	0.22
Nth American	440.10	469.60	-4.10	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	53.66	57.26†	+0.25	...
The Footsie Fd	107.40	113.40†	+0.50	2.71
Tiger Index	143.30	152.90	+0.10	0.64
Tride Index	106.50	113.60	+0.20	2.53
UK Index	125.10	133.50	+0.60	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.60	90.37†	-0.27	1.00
European P folio	72.71	77.36	-0.18	1.38
Japanese P folio	67.72	71.95	+0.69	...
Pacific P folio	101.49	109.13†	+0.85	1.07
Cazenove P folio	72.21	77.24	+0.16	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.92	68.54	+0.13	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.24	50.94	+0.08	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.82	65.07	-2.18	2.26
Beckman Intl	83.37	87.99	...	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	177.91	191.30†	-0.25	6.09
Friars Hse Cap	251.08	269.98	+1.11	2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.15	38.46	+0.07	1.83
-do- Acc	40.73	43.33	+0.08	1.83
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.63	61.64	-0.10	0.22
-do- Acc	60.04	64.21	-0.10	0.22
Quilter	123.43	131.31	+0.56	2.49
-do- Acc	137.08	145.83	+0.61	2.49
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.42	92.42	+0.03	5.02
-do- Acc	92.42	92.42	+0.03	5.02
Fixed Conv	41.01	43.63†	+0.03	6.72
-do- Acc	108.33	115.24	+0.05	6.72
Equity Income	144.26	153.47	+0.71	3.66
-do- Acc	463.05	492.61	+2.27	3.66
Preference	48.35	51.44	+0.03	7.02
-do- Acc	248.06	263.89	+0.15	7.02
PPT Europe	149.27	158.80	-0.61	1.06
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.78	50.83	+0.06	7.84
PPT Global Bond	86.25	91.63	-0.46	5.54
PPT Gold Com	60.08	63.91	+0.78	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.67	60.29	+0.18	0.25
PPT Far East Gth	108.66	115.62	+0.54	0.09
PPT High Yield	116.30	123.72	+0.48	4.55
-do- Acc	447.41	475.97	+1.83	4.55
PPT Managed	62.25	66.22	+0.13	3.14
-do- Acc	76.04	80.89	+0.17	3.14
PPT UK General	68.63	73.01	+0.39	2.52
-do- Acc	83.28	88.60	+0.48	2.52
PPT Japan	121.62	129.38	+0.89	...
PPT N Amer	148.94	158.45	-1.32	0.07
PPT UK Gth	118.85	126.44	+0.64	2.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.84	89.19	+0.13	.89
Japanese Acc	65.15	69.31	+0.80	...
UK Balncd Inc	127.00	135.10†	+0.50	2.48
-do- Acc	149.70	159.30†	+0.50	2.48
UK Growth Acc	208.10	221.40†	+1.00	2.18
UK High Inc	133.70	142.20	+0.50	6.66
-do- Acc	161.80	172.10†	+0.60	6.68
N America Acc	113.50	120.70	+0.20	.32
European Acc	155.30	165.20	-0.10	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.26	63.91†	+0.09	8.84
-do- Acc	98.83	104.80†	+0.10	8.84
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.12	52.26	+0.30	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.48	76.04	+0.40	1.72
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.30	119.30	-0.80	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	201.20	213.80†	+0.40	1.17
Eurofund	37.52	39.75	...	1.01
Mngd Exempt	167.10	174.20	+1.80	3.01
Growth Inc	215.50	229.00	+1.20	3.71
High Dist	141.80	150.70†	+0.40	5.14
International	323.00	344.10	+0.90	0.94
Intl Income	81.01	86.48	-0.25	3.01
Pacific	59.29	63.00	-0.34	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	73.64	78.24	-0.14	...
Tokyo	211.00	224.20	-1.00	...
Japan Exempt	116.10	119.20	-3.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	586.20	602.40	-11.60	0.08
Equity Income	121.50	129.10†	+0.30	3.95
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.765	7.162	-0.033	1.10
Euro Spec Sits	139.80	147.90	-0.60	0.55
Financial	41.22	43.80	+0.06	2.73
Global Opps Inc	89.47	95.06	-0.20	2.10
-do- Acc	92.74	98.54	-0.20	2.10
Gold Gen Inc	31.74	34.97	+0.31	0.78
-do- Acc	99.31	105.50	+0.60	0.78
Income	...	...	...	...
Japan General	164.30	174.60	+0.60	...
Preference	22.10	23.49†	+0.07	7.73
UK Capital	104.00	110.50	+0.20	3.05
Worldwide Cap	199.30	211.70	+0.60	3.93
World Income	85.19	90.51	-0.25	3.23
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	177.60	188.90	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	106.19	111.78	+0.46	2.10
High Income	120.97	127.34	+0.20	4.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	149.64	157.51	+0.76	1.89
Special Sits	86.65	91.21	+0.26	2.36
North American	103.50	108.95	+0.31	0.85
Far Eastern	250.07	263.23	+0.43	1.58
Intl Growth	96.13	101.19	-0.25	1.27
European	63.21	66.54†	-0.15	2.19
Smaller Cos	70.24	73.94†	+0.15	2.10
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	121.00	128.70	-0.50	...
High Income	25.53	26.87†	+0.05	5.55
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.60	97.97	-0.30	0.76
Far Eastern	140.00	149.80	-1.80	...
Overs Income	88.85	95.14†	-0.31	2.25
UK Growth	94.90	101.50	+0.40	0.96
UK Income	100.30	107.30†	+0.30	3.23
US Smaller Cos	252.20	269.70	-1.80	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.87	52.05	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	48.87	52.05	+0.19	...
Am Smllr Co	428.80	458.50	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	438.10	468.50	+1.40	...
Capital	292.20	310.80	-0.90	2.01
-do- Acc	406.90	432.80	-1.40	2.01
Contl Smllr Cos	47.05	50.51†	-0.42	0.52
-do- Acc	49.18	52.79†	-0.44	0.52
Convertible	114.80	122.10	+0.10	5.81
-do- Acc	218.00	231.80	+0.30	5.81
Emg Mark	53.05	56.67	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	53.05	56.67	-0.50	...
European	93.83	100.10†	-0.70	1.03
-do- Acc	97.81	104.30†	-0.80	1.03
Extra Income	298.10	317.00	+0.50	4.00
-do- Acc	417.40	443.90	+0.60	4.00
Financial	105.60	113.50	-0.40	0.63
-do- Acc	110.60	118.80	-0.40	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	62.91	64.87	+0.46	6.76
-do- Acc	81.29	83.82	+0.59	6.76
Health Fund Inc	118.30	126.30	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	118.30	126.30	-0.40	...
Income Tst	181.00	192.50†	+0.50	3.80
-do- Acc	256.40	272.70†	+0.70	3.80
Intl Growth	318.90	341.00	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	354.10	378.60	-0.40	...
Japan Gen	184.60	197.20	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	186.50	199.20	+0.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.35	96.13	-0.01	0.85
-do- Acc	95.95	101.00	-0.10	0.85
Monthly Income	154.20	164.00	-0.10	3.91
Qrtly Inc	49.60	52.76†	+0.16	5.77
-do- Acc	49.73	52.89†	+0.16	5.77
Recovery	295.40	315.80	-0.10	0.71
-do- Acc	345.80	369.80	-0.10	0.71
UK Growth	47.17	50.41	-0.17	2.56
-do- Acc	47.17	50.41	-0.17	2.56
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	349.14	371.43†	+1.46	2.69
-do- Acc	712.95	758.46†	+2.96	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	106.44	113.23	-0.47	0.87
-do- Acc	109.61	116.61	-0.48	0.87
Fixed Int Dist	131.50	139.09†	+0.70	6.27
-do- Acc	222.38	235.22†	-0.22	6.27
Intl Gth Dist	78.15	83.14†	+0.29	0.74
-do- Acc	81.13	86.31†	+0.31	0.74
Nth Amer Dist	170.82	180.95	-0.07	0.91
-do- Acc	185.25	196.24	-0.06	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	252.49	268.61	+2.51	0.12
-do- Acc	256.48	272.85	+2.55	0.12
Stewardship Dist	302.66	321.98†	-1.17	1.75
-do- Acc	360.88	383.92†	-1.39	1.75
Swd Inc Dist	64.47	68.59†	+0.07	3.16
-do- Acc	79.77	84.86†	-0.10	3.16
N Am Swd Dist	98.44	104.72	+0.06	...
-do- Acc	104.13	110.78	+0.06	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	138.60	148.30	-0.50	...
European	408.50	433.50	+0.20	0.98
Far East General	228.30	244.50	-1.10	0.30
Germany	95.52	101.20	...	0.45
Global Assets In	68.33	74.04	-0.02	2.18
Global Assets Ac	73.31	78.20	-0.02	2.13
Income Inc	124.70	133.40	+0.30	6.60
International	274.30	292.90	+1.20	0.96
Intl Income	76.53	81.47†	-0.30	4.89
Japan General	382.60	407.20	-2.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.10	50.38	+0.06	6.03
UK Capital Inc	169.90	181.80	+0.50	3.80
-do- Acc	290.60	310.80	+0.60	3.61
Uk Spec Sits	78.61	84.08	+0.16	1.51
US General	116.50	124.10	-0.40	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	117.60	125.90	+0.70	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.80	47.91	+0.45	1.42
Cash Trust*	129.15	129.15	+0.04	4.93
Pract Inv Inc	104.69	112.27	+0.37	4.09
-do- Acc	224.75	241.02	+0.79	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	106.14	113.82	-0.50	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.23	28.05	+0.04	8.27
High Inc	31.95	34.17†	+0.06	4.80
UK Equity Inc	129.67	138.68	+0.57	3.89
Global Bond	30.02	31.10†	-0.19	4.63
International Funds				
Gold Intl	85.99	92.21†	-0.36	0.73
Frontier Markets	42.50	45.58	-0.08	0.48
Global Inc Gth	120.42	128.49	-0.31	1.91
UK Intl	114.16	122.10†	+0.50	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	129.63	138.48†	-0.65	0.48
European	81.06	85.98	-0.57	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	95.41	101.83	-0.53	0.60
American Emerg	81.22	82.10	-0.46	...
Hong Kong	118.22	126.78	+0.94	1.96
Japan	233.09	247.49	+2.23	...
Pacific Growth	160.18	171.77†	+0.38	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	128.08	136.98	+0.54	0.97
American Gth	127.59	136.46	+1.33	...
European Gth	66.22	70.20	-0.37	0.42
Japan Gth	81.84	87.53	+0.72	...
Pacific Inc	147.40	157.65	+0.83	2.85
Pacific Strategy	120.70	135.51	+2.95	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.31	75.19†	+0.29	4.84
Gt British Cos	47.52	50.18†	+0.02	2.70
UK Small Cos	46.67	49.91	+1.77	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.40	131.40	...	4.91
Gilt Fixed	122.00	129.50	...	6.04
Growth Equity	291.10	311.00†	...	2.13
Goodwill	432.40	461.90	...	2.18
Income Trust	110.20	117.70†	...	3.02
International	158.80	168.00	...	0.36
Japan Trust	126.60	135.20	...	...
Nth American	209.50	222.00	...	0.48
Pacific	375.30	400.90	...	...
European	342.10	365.00†	...	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838686				
Global Adv Inc	35.54	37.58	...	1.65
-do- Acc	37.20	39.44	...	1.65
Inc Adv Inc	29.40	31.17†	-0.10	4.03
-do- Acc	30.84	32.70	-0.10	4.03
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	83.40	89.34	+0.18	1.15
Equity Income	112.70	119.90†	-0.20	3.44
European	131.00	139.20	+0.50	1.21
Intl Situation	76.06	80.91†	+0.91	...
Japanese	147.40	155.40	+1.10	...
North American	98.08	104.00†	+0.20	...
Scandinavian	110.20	116.50	-0.70	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.62	32.57†	+0.04	2.03
HENDERSON PO Box 2152, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263298 Dealing: 0277 234712				
Amer Smaller	88.43	94.55	+0.17	...
Asian Enterprise	130.02	139.04†	-0.44	0.57
Australian	138.07	147.59	-0.27	1.34
European	366.43	387.92	-2.74	1.31
European Inc	70.78	74.90	-0.40	2.93
Euro Smi Co	115.95	123.93	-0.37	0.57
Extra Income	258.97	275.69†	+0.66	4.83
Family of Funds	71.14	75.97	+0.08	1.22
Fixed Interest	55.50	59.35†	+0.18	7.54
Global Resour	109.46	117.33	+1.89	0.71
High Inc	291.71	311.83	+0.07	4.26
Income Gth	237.00	252.40†	+0.88	3.57
-do- Acc	613.03	652.89†	+2.27	3.57
International	231.46	246.71	-0.20	0.93
Japan Spe Sit	250.59	266.53	+1.66	...
Japan	214.63	228.17	+1.64	...
N Amer	222.24	236.44	-1.00	0.24
Pacific Smllr Cos	195.96	208.46	-0.06	0.27
Pref Gth	46.29	49.75	+0.10	8.49
Smaller Cos Div	169.66	181.45	+0.10	3.78
Special Sits	261.64	282.09	+1.15	1.89
-do- Acc	406.25	434.67	+1.74	1.70
Best of British	53.61	59.56†	+0.27	2.57
Spirit of the East	62.11	66.48	+0.39	1.33
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.63	84.09	-0.67	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.51	48.52	-0.23	1.46
-do- Acc	48.18	51.37	-0.25	1.46
Far East Opps	32.69	34.97†	+0.07	0.42
-do- Acc	33.74	36.10	+0.08	0.42
General Growth	99.78	106.86	+0.64	2.61
Global Tech	123.59	132.24†	+0.46	...
Income Growth	103.80	111.01	+0.41	3.74
Income Monthly	57.14	61.11	+0.07	5.38
Japan Growth	85.62	91.12†	+0.14	...
Overseas Gth	76.90	81.80†	-0.43	0.82
Smaller Cos	74.87	80.11	+0.09	1.64
Special Opps	106.66	114.69	-0.13	1.50
Wld Spec Sits	50.15	53.73	-0.12	0.98
-do- Acc	50.27	53.85	-0.12	0.76
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	87.21	93.27	+0.11	2.25
Capital	156.20	167.00	+0.30	1.88
Dollar	309.50	331.00	-0.90	0.03
European	198.10	211.80	-1.10	0.63
Far East	240.50	257.20	-0.10	0.27
Financial	707.80	757.00	+2.10	1.94
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.10	27.20	-0.28	7.65
High Yield	100.50	107.40†	-0.30	4.56
Income	134.50	143.80	+0.30	3.43
Intl	217.50	232.60	-0.20	0.30
Japan Tech	74.20	79.35	...	...
Nat Resources	60.98	65.21	+0.19	0.45
Security	297.70	318.30†	+0.90	1.96
Smaller Cos	111.60	119.30	...	1.34
Special Sits	137.90	147.40	+0.60	1.61
US Smaller Cos	67.25	71.92†	+0.02	...
INVESCO UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.35	27.10	+0.08	1.53
Special Features	27.42	29.13	+0.21	1.60
-do- Acc	32.37	34.39	+0.25	1.60
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.19	56.91†	+0.28	1.88
Assets Earnings	71.42	75.88	+0.42	1.87
-do- Acc	83.93	89.17	+0.48	1.87
Managed Invest	88.18	94.20	+0.21	1.17
Rupert Children	75.92	80.91	+0.53	1.70
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.75	50.75	+0.01	4.30
Extra Inc	79.45	85.03	+0.37	4.78
Gilt	27.67	29.12†	+0.13	6.77
Income Gth	38.84	41.49	+0.12	3.39
MIMstar	76.71	78.39	+0.12	7.63
Preference	17.64	18.74†	+0.04	6.39
UK Income	310.20	331.70	+0.90	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	57.41	60.99†	+0.09	1.24
Property Shares	63.34	68.24	+0.13	1.73
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.90	152.30†	+0.70	3.68
European Acc	112.60	118.30	-0.10	1.76
European Dist	107.20	113.60	-0.10	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.48	51.63	-0.48	0.91
European Perf	112.00	118.90	+0.30	1.02
-do- Acc	114.10	121.10	+0.30	1.02
Euro Small Cos	21.14	22.50	-0.16	0.74
French Growth	66.44	70.67	+0.14	0.52
-do- Acc	70.97	75.49	+0.14	0.52
Hong K/China	72.93	77.48	+0.40	1.61
Intl Growth	52.30	55.56	+0.01	0.63
-do- Acc	52.30	55.56	+0.01	0.63
Japan Perf	35.75	37.98†	+0.25	...
Accum Units	35.75	37.98†	+0.25	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.99	41.46	+0.33	...
Singapore Asean	81.69	86.79	+0.16	0.28
-do- Acc	82.20	87.33	+0.16	0.28
South East Asia	236.10	250.80	+0.30	0.95
US Smllr Cos	101.00	107.30†	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	102.00	108.30†	-1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.55	89.08†	+0.12	2.19
Intl Bond	58.76	59.58	-0.02	6.11
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.64	69.98†	+0.02	5.08
Extra Income	51.69	54.99†	+0.10	7.02
Gilt Yield	118.70	125.30†	+0.50	7.21
Global Income	199.50	212.20†	+1.59	4.13
High Yield	133.40	141.90	+0.31	5.83
Smllr Cos Div	48.46	51.55†	+0.13	4.07
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.53	95.24	-0.66	...
North American	75.72	80.55†	-1.39	0.42
European	129.10	137.30†	-0.50	1.63
Euro Special	75.05	79.84	-0.56	0.96
General	264.70	281.60	+1.30	3.17
Japan	440.60	468.70	-0.70	...
Japanese Special	248.50	264.40	+0.80	...
Master Acc	216.60	230.40	+0.40	1.34
Pacific	270.80	288.10	-0.10	0.56
Smaller Cos	99.03	105.40†	-3.35	1.59
UK Equity Gth	35.65	37.50	-0.55	1.71
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.12	77.79†	-0.11	1.02
Extra Income	23.91	25.44†	+0.09	3.25
Far East	27.99	29.78	+0.33	0.01
Income Gwth	72.94	77.60	+0.36	2.75
Intl Growth	52.41	55.76	+0.46	0.67
Japan	67.91	72.24	+1.30	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	-0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.99	41.48†	+0.18	0.28
UK Equity	87.07	92.63	+0.54	2.91
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.33	56.73	+0.42	4.41
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	426.20	453.40	+1.80	2.73
Equity Acc	808.10	860.70	+3.50	2.73
Equity Income	92.04	97.92	+0.34	4.75
European	95.14	101.20	-0.40	1.28
Far Eastern	187.10	199.00	+2.10	...
Fixed Interest	51.95	55.27†	+0.08	6.31
Gilt	91.39	96.91	+0.37	6.35
Global Growth	66.73	70.99†	-0.07	0.45
Intl Bond	57.34	60.89	-0.40	4.66
Japanese	73.44	78.13	+0.36	...
Overseas Equity	96.54	102.70†	-0.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	86.91	92.45	+0.47	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834333				
Balanced	309.40	329.20	+2.00	2.83
-do- Acc	679.50	722.90	+4.40	2.83
Contl Euro Gth	50.29	53.84	-0.08	1.41
-do- Acc	53.18	55.98	-0.09	1.41
Extra Inc	239.60	254.90	+0.70	3.81
-do- Acc	592.40	630.30	+1.90	3.81
German Gth	97.47	102.90	-0.40	0.28
-do- Acc	102.50	107.90	-0.50	0.28
Growth Port	490.30	521.60	+1.80	1.19
-do- Acc	490.30	527.60	+1.80	1.19
Income	450.10	478.80	+1.60	3.48
-do- Acc	1155.0	1229.0	+4.00	3.48
Income Port	489.50	520.80	+1.20	3.96
-do- Acc	494.20	525.80	+1.20	3.96
Japan Growth	101.10	106.50	+1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	100.50	107.00	+1.60	0.01
Master Trust	51.78	55.07	-0.24	1.29
-do- Acc	56.99	60.63	+0.27	1.29
N American Gen	185.10	197.00	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	213.80	227.50	-0.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.20	150.30	+4.00	0.01
-do- Acc	144.10	153.40	+4.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	204.30	217.40	+1.90	0.61
-do- Acc	215.90	229.70	+2.00	0.61
Small Cos Rec	308.60	319.60	+0.10	2.00
-do- Acc	395.30	416.20	+0.20	2.00
UK Growth	79.13	84.19	+1.57	2.15
-do- Acc	92.27	98.17	+1.84	2.15
Worldwide Gth	283.70	301.90†	+4.60	0.14
-do- Acc	418.50	445.30	+7.00	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	77.78	83.45†	+0.47	2.80
Income	60.92	65.37	+0.04	5.30
International	57.38	61.53†	+0.33	0.70
American	59.73	64.09	+0.09	0.30
Japan	56.03	60.12	+0.74	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.36	61.55	+0.38	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	391.00	413.50	+2.70	0.87
-do- Acc	482.40	510.20	+3.30	0.87
American Rec	416.20	440.10	+0.90	0.22
-do- Acc	476.90	504.30	+1.00	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	121.70	128.60	+1.30	...
Australia Acc	157.70	166.90	+0.70	1.16
Capital	675.00	714.80	+1.90	2.38
-do- Acc	745.80	788.80	+2.20	2.38
Commodity Acc	434.60	459.60	-4.40	0.78
Compnd Gth	828.30	876.00	+4.00	2.63
Dividend	35.30	37.30†	+0.10	4.13
-do- Acc	139.80	147.90	+0.30	4.13
Equity Inc	302.30	319.70	+0.50	4.64
European Div	59.70	63.10	-0.30	4.23
-do- Acc	67.50	71.30	-0.30	4.23
European Gen	378.80	400.60†	-2.60	1.13
-do- Acc	475.80	503.30	-3.30	1.13
Extra Yield	378.20	399.90	+1.50	4.29
-do- Acc	1105.7	1169.4	+4.60	4.29
Far Eastern	307.40	325.10	+7.70	0.75
-do- Acc	404.30	427.60	+10.00	0.75
Fund of Inv	510.40	539.70†	+1.20	2.12
-do- Acc	931.10	984.50	+2.20	2.12
General	53.30	56.40†	+0.10	3.53
-do- Acc	142.60	150.80	+0.30	3.53
Gilt Fxd Int	62.34	62.40†	+0.20	7.54
do Acc	156.71	156.87	+0.37	7.54
Gold	58.40	61.80	+2.60	0.73
-do- Acc	68.30	72.30	+3.10	0.73
High Inc	24.90	26.30†	-0.10	4.43
-do- Acc	94.20	99.60	+0.20	4.43
Intl Growth	69.40	73.40	+0.50	0.84
-do- Acc	119.60	126.50	-0.80	0.84
Intl Inc	94.60	100.00	+0.20	4.53
Japan Gen Acc	52.50	55.40	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	154.50	163.70	+1.90	...
Midland	55.60	58.80	+0.10	3.18
-do- Acc	177.90	188.30	+0.40	3.18
Recovery	36.70	38.80†	+0.10	2.57
-do- Acc	58.40	61.70	...	2.57
Second Gen	61.90	65.50†	+0.30	3.33
-do- Acc	153.30	162.30	+0.60	3.33
Smaller Cos	60.80	64.30	...	3.04
-do- Acc	115.30	122.00	+0.10	3.04
Trustee	39.30	41.60	+0.10	3.82
Charifund 3	3112.26	...	-0.10	9.61
Charibond 2	637.10	643.30	+1.80	5.12
Pension ex 1	841.60	862.70	+2.30	4.24
NAACIF Inc 3	345.95	...	...	7.67
-do- Acc 3	[illegible]	...	-0.80	7.67
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	137.40	146.90	+0.20	1.97
-do- Acc	153.40	163.10	+0.30	1.97
UK Income	113.40	121.30†	+0.33	2.61
-do- Acc	128.70	137.10†	+0.33	2.61
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.15	88.42	+1.07	0.76
Far East (Pacific)	137.10	145.80†	+1.70	0.63
Income Growth	72.28	76.70†	+1.09	3.43
European	66.80	71.00	-0.07	1.38
Nth American	56.62	60.10†	+0.10	1.01
UK Growth	76.75	81.47	+0.17	1.58
Intl Growth	95.62	101.50	+1.20	0.84
Charities	107.30	113.90†	+0.30	3.86
Intl Income	67.80	72.07†	+0.24	5.50
Japan	55.00	58.38	+0.58	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	188.40	200.20	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	201.40	214.00	+0.30	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	+0.10	5.50
-do- Acc	129.80	129.80	+0.10	5.50
European Gth	190.10	201.70	-0.50	0.79
-do- Acc	202.50	215.00	-0.60	0.79
General	464.40	495.40	+2.60	2.44
-do- Acc	883.90	942.40	+5.00	2.44
Global Dist	133.00	139.80	-0.30	5.22
-do- Acc	149.80	156.40	-0.30	5.22
Income	136.07	145.10	+0.50	4.70
-do- Acc	390.40	413.00†	+0.70	4.70
International	390.30	416.00†	+2.00	0.67
-do- Acc	519.10	553.20†	+2.60	0.67
Japan	188.50	200.40	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	194.00	205.80	+1.10	...
New Europe	138.00	147.20	-0.40	1.76
-do- Acc	140.20	149.60	-0.40	1.76
Recovery	293.30	312.90	+0.80	2.87
-do- Acc	370.50	395.30	+1.20	2.87
European Inc	72.00	77.10	-0.64	3.16
-do- Acc	93.81	99.62†	-0.78	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	72.38	77.07	+0.45	3.27
-do- Acc	85.27	90.88	+0.48	3.27
Portfolio	74.05	78.73	+0.35	2.88
-do- Acc	84.19	89.53	+0.35	2.88
Gold General	131.70	141.70†	+5.80	0.66
-do- Acc	134.80	145.00†	+6.00	0.66
Pacific	93.51	99.75†	+0.83	0.84
-do- Acc	99.37	106.00†	+0.80	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.83	56.26	-0.02	1.93
-do- Acc	55.95	59.89	-0.02	1.93
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.30	61.28	+0.07	2.89
-do- Acc	58.19	62.23	+0.08	2.89
British Dist	76.52	81.84	+0.26	2.08
-do- Acc	86.63	92.65	+0.30	2.08
European Gth	167.50	179.10†	-0.60	0.25
-do- Acc	210.40	224.90	-0.70	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.69	73.47	+0.44	6.24
-do- Acc	120.80	129.20	+0.50	6.24
FT-SE 100 Index	48.60	51.98	+0.24	2.62
-do- Acc	48.60	51.98	+0.24	2.62
Gilt Fixed Inc	56.02	58.32†	+0.21	6.93
-do- Acc	149.50	155.70	+0.60	6.93
High Yield	215.50	230.50	+0.80	4.76
-do- Acc	505.90	541.10	+1.30	4.76
Income	278.40	297.80	+0.80	3.36
-do- Acc	578.80	619.00	+1.50	3.36
Japan Gth	349.80	374.10	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	369.20	394.80	+1.10	...
Mandarin Acc	99.11	106.00	-0.90	0.47
North American	164.20	175.60†	-1.80	0.25
-do- Acc	207.20	221.60	-1.80	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	266.70	283.70	+2.90	...
Deposit Inc	100.08	100.08†	+0.02	6.00
Deposit Acc	122.78	122.78†	+0.03	6.00
Euro Gth Acc	276.30	296.10†	-0.40	...
Europa	122.20	131.40	-1.40	...
Intl Gth	171.20	183.50†	+0.80	...
Japan Tracker	80.19	84.96†	+1.09	...
UK Equity Inc	148.00	159.20†	+0.40	4.13
-do- Acc	181.30	195.20†	+0.50	4.13
UK Ind Tracker	143.40	153.40	+0.80	3.13
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.30	205.00	-0.30	1.42
-do- Acc	209.50	216.90	-0.30	1.42
Asian Tracker	159.20	173.10†	+1.70	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.00	172.20	-0.10	2.23
European	58.78	61.01	-0.18	1.51
Olympiad	55.26	58.66	+0.30	0.35
Global Bond	47.85	48.38†	+0.06	6.51
Smaller Cos	66.86	69.84†	+0.05	1.01
Equity Income	91.62	94.09†	+0.42	5.08
UK Growth	83.30	85.78	+0.36	1.89
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	67.95	72.29	+0.30	2.73
N&P Glt Fxd Int	75.03	79.40	+0.23	6.53
N&P Higher Inc	192.60	204.90†	+0.30	4.54
N&P UK Income	100.08	106.47†	+0.22	3.87
N&P Intl	87.50	93.09	+0.63	1.56
N&P Smaller Cos	73.25	77.93	-2.95	1.53
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.72	174.18	+0.17	2.33
Global	288.16	306.56	-0.50	1.14
Growth	108.12	115.03	+0.26	2.55
Income	201.33	214.19	+0.39	4.40
Intl Bond	129.43	137.44	+0.25	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 380, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733-470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.60	143.70†	+0.70	2.57
-do- Acc	242.00	254.70	+1.20	2.57
Income	218.80	232.70	+0.80	3.55
Intl Equity	224.70	239.00	+1.30	0.80
-do- Acc	246.00	261.60	+1.40	0.80
Equity	214.60	228.30†	+1.30	2.45
-do- Acc	440.00	468.00	+2.90	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.44	73.87	+0.40	1.99
UK Income	60.67	64.49	+0.23	3.65
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.08	79.87	+0.22	1.41
New Europe Acc	60.85	64.73	+0.01	1.36
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	94.59	101.17	-0.30	0.09
PEP Gth Inc	101.23	108.27	-0.04	1.21
Intl Gth	488.48	522.44	-1.02	0.68
Income	302.58	323.62	+0.69	3.46
W wide Recov	309.53	331.05	-0.32	0.32
American Gth	204.05	218.34	-1.29	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.55	197.39	-0.62	0.05
Far East Gth	219.45	234.74	-0.26	0.01
European Gth	110.04	117.70	+0.59	1.25
UK Growth	77.06	82.42	+0.22	2.86
High Income	83.50	89.74	+0.21	4.69
Japanese Gth	221.87	236.23	+1.15	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing 0800 282462				
International	174.70	185.00	-0.30	0.78
High Income	108.00	114.90	+0.40	3.65
Conv Gilt	109.00	116.00†	+0.20	6.15
Far East	310.10	328.90	...	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.65	33.67	...	5.00
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.99	54.24	...	0.30
Emerging Mkts	64.32	68.43	...	0.56
General	46.89	49.88†	...	3.22
International	83.44	88.77	...	1.36
Gilt Units	25.37	27.13†	...	7.33
Global PEP	34.67	36.88	...	2.10
Income Gth	64.27	68.37†	...	4.79
European	42.20	44.89	...	0.67
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.60	27.23†	...	5.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4914				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.34	33.51	+0.06	1.26
Pru Cth Inv Inc	101.37	103.37†	+0.04	5.14
-do- Acc	105.50	109.50†	+0.04	5.14
Pru Equity	654.63	700.13	+3.02	2.59
Pru Equity Inc	77.71	83.11†	+0.25	4.72
Pru European	171.21	183.11†	-0.54	1.24
Pru Global Gth	79.69	85.22	+0.15	1.22
Pru High Inc	83.07	88.84†	+0.21	4.98
Pru Intl	162.41	173.70	+0.35	1.03
Pru Intl Sml Co	69.60	74.43	-0.08	0.71
Pru Japanese	205.92	220.23	+1.44	...
Pru Nth Amer	141.28	151.10†	-1.12	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.14	82.50	+0.33	1.32
Pru Prem Inc	49.66	51.74	+0.14	7.40
Pru Smllr Cos	82.49	88.22	+0.04	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	96.68	103.40†	+0.47	2.46
Pru UK Growth	109.43	117.07	+0.50	2.31
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2881/4				
NC Income	152.17	163.80†	+0.80	3.58
NC Japan	282.37	302.42	+3.49	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.61	98.45†	+0.53	2.51
NC American Inc	488.58	523.63	+2.89	0.22
-do- Acc	567.00	608.20	+3.01	0.72
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.64	280.47	-0.54	1.50
NC European	247.85	264.64	-1.22	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 (PEPs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.81	77.45	+0.38	3.64
Capital Units	144.40	153.60†	+0.80	1.28
Commodity	108.50	115.40	+1.60	1.13
European Gth	154.60	164.40	+0.40	1.30
Financial Sec	174.70	185.80	+1.20	1.81
High Return	215.30	229.00	+0.40	4.42
High Yield	202.80	215.70	-0.20	4.84
Income Units	108.40	115.30	...	4.94
Investment	178.20	189.50	+0.70	1.26
Japan Gth	160.40	170.60	+1.90	...
Japan Smaller	188.70	200.70	+1.70	...
Masterfund	46.60	49.57†	+0.23	1.29
Scotbits	256.10	272.40	+1.59	1.51
Scotshares	257.60	274.00†	+2.50	2.25
Scotyields	223.30	237.50	+0.50	3.78
Select Intl	139.90	150.10	+1.00	0.41
Smaller Cos	229.30	243.60	+0.70	3.86
Special Situation	110.20	117.20†	...	0.82
UK Equity	223.20	235.90	+0.60	3.66
US Growth	139.30	148.10	-0.90	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	233.39	248.94†	-0.74	0.50
-do- Acc	252.86	269.71	-0.80	0.50
Australian	123.16	131.37	-0.63	0.92
-do- Acc	144.79	154.44	-0.74	0.92
UK Enterprise	214.87	229.19	+0.67	2.51
-do- Acc	248.22	264.76	+0.77	2.51
European Gth	60.80	64.68	+0.05	1.30
-do- Acc	63.14	67.16	+0.05	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	54.35	58.18†	-0.30	0.44
-do- Acc	54.96	58.58	-0.19	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	72.14	75.88	-0.66	...
-do- Acc	72.29	77.11	-0.68	...
Fixed Interest	53.85	58.79	+0.13	6.51
-do- Acc	63.40	68.00	+0.16	6.81
Gilt Income	104.31	109.92	+0.49	7.48
-do- Acc	145.08	155.52	+0.69	7.48
Income	314.55	335.53	-0.92	3.88
-do- Acc	927.06	988.74	+2.74	3.88
Japan Enterprise	70.85	75.57	+0.34	...
-do- Acc	70.85	75.57	+0.34	...
Japan Smllr Cos	487.91	520.43	+1.85	...
-do- Acc	488.26	520.67	+1.92	...
Pacific Gth	96.44	102.86	+0.36	0.07
-do- Acc	99.30	105.91	+0.39	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.20	209.94†	+1.21	0.89
-do- Acc	217.58	232.08	+0.13	0.89
Tokyo	111.09	118.49	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	112.21	119.68	+0.40	...
UK Equity	210.85	224.90	+1.16	2.61
-do- Acc	390.40	416.49	+2.14	2.61
US Smllr Cos	133.19	142.03†	-0.25	...
-do- Acc	133.16	142.03	-0.25	...
World Fd	71.16	75.00	+0.16	1.44
-do- Acc	75.08	80.02	+0.17	1.44
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2100				
Equity Income	46.78	49.78	+0.30	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.57	67.70	-0.15	1.04
European Opps	70.22	74.79	-0.63	1.22
Maximum Inc	99.47	101.97	+0.05	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.96	57.36	-0.07	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	343.30	366.40	+1.50	2.26
American	245.00	261.20	-1.90	0.04
Pacific	336.30	361.80	+2.10	0.61
European	442.10	472.80	-3.30	2.25
Worldwide	79.56	84.93	...	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	302.30	321.60†	+1.70	2.65
UK Smr Cos Equ	208.60	222.00†	+0.80	1.67
European	326.00	347.80	-1.00	1.70
North American	256.60	273.00	+0.70	0.61
Income Plus Inc	66.37	70.61	+0.76	3.78
UK Spec Sits	67.11	71.40	+0.30	2.78
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.62	27.42	+0.13	2.82
Intl Growth Acc	29.65	31.73	+0.15	0.86
Market Lnkd Acc	26.23	28.07	+0.07	2.59
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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 4228				
European	397.94	...	-0.11	...
Global Bond	398.11	...	...	7.50
Japan Samurai	397.05	...	-0.55	...
UK Growth	397.55	...	-0.24	4.06
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.27	47.04	-0.10	1.66
Equity Gth Acc	59.99	63.74	-0.20	1.65
UK Eq General	41.66	44.27	-0.10	2.24
-do- Acc	55.02	58.40	-0.10	2.24
European Acc	41.18	43.76	...	1.18
Far East Acc	56.32	59.84	+0.40	0.25
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.78	32.56	...	6.45
N American Acc	43.48	46.20	-0.30	0.83
Ovs Lgr Cos Acc	282.40	306.50	+1.80	1.40
UK Eq High Inc	34.90	37.09	...	3.91
-do- Acc	41.45	44.05	...	3.91
UK Lgr Cos Inc	288.50	313.10	-0.60	3.73
UK Lgr Cos Acc	375.60	407.60	-0.80	3.73
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.56	NZ$3.78	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.087	$2.191	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y232.6	Y247.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y235.0	Y249.6	...	...
FT Europe	112.40	119.30	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.707	$1.809	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y233.1	Y247.6	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.853	$1.968	...	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	340.90	363.00	+3.40	0.32
British	939.00	993.50	+2.30	4.13
European	388.40	413.60	-1.90	1.41
Japan	150.00	159.20	+1.30	...
New Pacific	296.60	315.90†	+1.50	1.29
Mngd Cash	96.20	96.20	+0.03	5.04
Majority Stg	100.40	101.40	+0.03	4.77
Inv Tst	191.10	202.60	+1.20	1.77
Saltus PPF	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 9 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	723.70	774.00	-3.30	3.57
N America Acc	115.50	123.50	-1.20	0.28
Far East Acc	124.90	133.60	+0.30	0.03
W wide Bond	61.59	65.32	-0.27	5.37
European	81.58	87.25	-0.64	0.67
Equity Income	80.53	86.13†	+0.19	4.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.19	36.57	-0.38	0.52
Managed Assets	119.33	127.63	+0.51	3.19
UK Income	36.24	38.76†	+0.21	3.06
UK Growth	36.26	38.79	+0.25	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.27	33.45†	...	0.39
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	208.72	222.04	-0.70	0.10
-do- Acc	229.24	243.88	-0.76	0.10
British Gth	85.16	90.60	-0.05	1.88
-do- Acc	100.20	106.60	-0.06	1.88
European	89.98	95.72	-1.46	1.10
-do- Acc	94.91	100.97	-1.54	1.10
Extra Inc	185.81	197.62	+0.30	4.01
-do- Acc	296.41	315.33	+0.79	4.01
General Units	263.07	279.86	+1.79	2.35
-do- Acc	519.09	552.25	+3.54	2.35
Income	319.73	340.14†	+0.86	3.55
-do- Acc	664.42	706.83†	+1.77	3.55
International	486.02	517.04	+0.40	0.46
-do- Acc	636.25	676.86	+0.53	0.46
Pacific	343.18	365.09†	+2.27	...
-do- Acc	360.50	383.51†	+2.36	...
Premier Income	53.34	53.38	+0.14	6.31
-do- Acc	106.84	111.29	-0.30	6.31
Nat Resources	128.66	136.87	+3.34	0.17
-do- Acc	141.20	150.21	+3.66	0.17
Selected Opps	98.80	105.11	+0.30	1.14
-do- Acc	123.70	131.60	+0.39	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	76.99	82.12	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	79.40	84.69	+0.44	...
European Opps	60.29	64.17	-0.02	0.46
-do- Acc	60.67	64.83	-0.02	0.46
Far East Opps	153.54	163.77	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	157.11	167.58	+0.16	...
Japan	88.09	93.66	-0.47	...
-do- Acc	88.09	93.68	-0.47	...
Little Dragons	74.25	79.20	+0.40	0.63
-do- Acc	76.45	81.54	+0.41	0.63
Oriental Income	44.07	46.97	-0.17	3.39
-do- Acc	56.13	59.87	-0.22	3.39
Tiger	214.95	229.28	+0.53	1.15
-do- Acc	225.84	240.89	+0.57	1.15
UK Small Cos	75.77	81.03	-0.01	1.96
-do- Acc	88.40	94.54	-0.01	1.96
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	[illegible]	18.27	+0.23	0.50
Pacific Basin	37.64	39.85	+0.05	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.76	40.16	-0.31	...
Global Bond	$0.955	$0.995	+0.001	7.22
Penny Share	28.10	29.88	+0.08	1.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3581				
City Reserve	52.91	52.91	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	67.84	70.39	+0.21	...
Gilt Income	52.04	54.15†	+0.12	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	107.60	109.00	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	...	...
Challenger	94.91	97.12	+0.24	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	68.47	72.83	+0.38	1.94

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Cadbury	690	MB Caradn	290	Scot Power	963
Abbey Natl	4,900	Carlton C	635	Marks Spr	1,700	Sears	566
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Coats Vyla	4,200	NFC	1,700	Svrn Trent	1,300
Anglian W	46	Cm Union	535	NatWst Bk	2,300	Shell Trans	2,000
Argyll Gp	2,400	Courtaulds	436	Nat Power	802	Siebe	535
Arjo Wiggn	649	De La Rue	219	Nth Wst W	321	SmKl Bch	2,300
AB Foods	181	Enterpr Oil	33	Nthrn Fds	4,900	Smith Nph	1,000
BAA	2,300	Forte	2,200	P & O	547	Std Chand	204
BAT Inds	5,000	GRE	1,400	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,000
BOC	818	GUS A	331	PowerGen	145	TI Gp	197
BP	3,000	Gen Acc	1,200	Prudential	1,300	TSB	1,600
BT	2,700	Gen Elec	2,700	RMC	515	Tate & Lyle	598
BTR	2,700	Glaxo	2,900	RTZ	1,200	Tesco	3,400
Bk of Scot	4,300	Granada	776	Rank Org	1,700	Thames W	541
Barclays	3,100	Grand Met	1,500	Reckitt Col	425	Thrn EMI	1,700
Bass	1,700	Guinness	2,000	Redland	235	Tomkins	2,500
Blue Circle	1,200	HSBC	4,800	Reed Intl	1,200	Unilever	344
Boots	1,800	Hanson	6,700	Rentokil	2,000	Utd Bisc	897
Bowater	1,100	ICI	1,800	Reuters	206	Vodafone	641
Brit Aero	1,100	Inchcape	961	Rothmans	3,200	Warburg (SG)	32
Brit Airwys	679	Kingfisher	540	Ryl Ins	2,100	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Gas	3,400	Ladbroke	3,200	Ryl Bk Scot	454	Whitbd 'A'	237
Brit Steel	4,500	Land Secs	710	Sainsbury	515	Wlms Hld	2,500
Burmah C	93	Legal & Gn	216	Scot Hydro	142	Wolseley	246
Cable Wire	955	Lloyds Bk	3,300	Scot & New	290	Zeneca	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3511.10 (+20.20)
S&P Composite 450.17 (+2.57)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19886.76 (+227.19)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7148.10 (+134.02)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 112.6 (+1.1)

Sydney: AO 1715.1 (+14.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1707.20 (+11.96)

FT 30 share: 2268.5 (+3.6)

Brussels:
General 6475.64 (+28.23)

Paris: CAC 537.05 (+3.48)

Zurich: SKA Gen 530.7 (+3.4)

London:
FT A All-Share 1430.17 (+4.52)
FT 500 1546.94 (+3.68)
FT Gold Mines 205.7 (+10.2)
FT Fixed Interest 114.83 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs 97.20 (+0.32)
Bargains 28432
SEAQ Volume 500.0m
USM (Datastrm) 139.44 (-0.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 28	July 9	September 30	October 11

Call options were taken out on 28/6/93: Ferranti Intl, Metrotect, Porter, Chadburn, Premier Cons Oil, Ryan Hotel, Tullow Oil, Wace.
Puts: AAF, Millwall, Norman Hay.
Put & Call: Mid-states

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 43388	Sep 93	2919.0	2928.0	2915.0	2919.0	6768
	Dec 93				2938.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 311394	Sep 93	94.13	94.15	94.12	94.14	11051
	Dec 93	94.32	94.33	94.30	94.31	6070
	Mar 94	94.21	94.23	94.19	94.22	2564
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 12624	Sep 93	96.53	96.54	96.53	96.54	666
	Dec 93	96.12	96.13	96.11	96.13	339
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 586313	Sep 93	93.13	93.18	93.13	93.17	35857
	Dec 93	93.90	93.92	93.87	93.90	13523
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 87425	Jun 93	108-02	108-04	108-02	108-04	380
	Sep 93	106-28	107-11	106-28	107-07	40696
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.35	108.49	108.35	108.48	2048
	Dec 93				107.72	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 172484	Sep 93	95.34	95.70	95.32	95.67	73408
	Dec 93	95.67	95.71	95.67	95.82	5
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 18866	Sep 93	99.28	99.42	99.27	99.42	2271
	Dec 93				99.62	0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 23197	Sep 93	93.48	93.55	93.48	93.54	1728
	Dec 93	93.92	94.03	93.92	94.03	671
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 37311	Sep 93	95.41	95.52	95.41	95.45	1544
	Dec 93	95.71	95.75	95.71	95.74	543
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 52422	Sep 93	102.60	102.66	102.30	102.43	10294
	Dec 93	102.05	102.05	102.05	102.08	5

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.3 (day's range 79.8-80.3).

Mkt Rates for June 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8375-2.8517	2.8461-2.8496	1/8-3/8ds	3/8-5/8ds
Brussels	52.02-52.30	52.13-52.17	2-6ds	8-15ds
Copenhagen	9.7180-9.7760	9.7350-9.7580	1 3/8-2 3/8ds	4 3/8-5 3/8ds
Dublin	1.0395-1.0420	1.0397-1.0415	6-10ds	14-21ds
Frankfurt	2.5324-2.5419	2.5368-2.5400	3/8-1/4ds	1-1 1/4ds
Lisbon	240.98-242.82	241.63-242.25	109-120ds	320-353ds
Madrid	193.92-196.03	195.74-196.03	87-104ds	227-262ds
Milan	2292.60-2316.50	2310.30-2316.50	7-10ds	21-18ds
Montreal	1.8988-1.9161	1.9139-1.9161	0.28-0.18pr	0.54-0.37pr
New York	1.4775-1.4935	1.4925-1.4935	0.34-0.33pr	1.97-1.83ds
Oslo	10.6830-10.7350	10.7120-10.7350	par-1ds	par-2ds
Paris	8.5290-8.5570	8.5430-8.5570	1-1 1/2ds	2 1/8-2 5/8ds
Stockholm	11.5790-11.7590	11.7080-11.7320	2-3 1/2ds	5 1/4-7 1/4ds
Tokyo	156.42-158.53	157.98-158.34	1/8-1/4pr	1 1/4-1pr
Vienna	17.81-17.93	17.85-17.88	1-2ds	2 1/4-4 1/4ds
Zurich	2.2435-2.2528	2.2462-2.2493	1/4pr-par	3/8-1/8pr

Source: Barclays. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

Argentina peso*	1.4882-1.4908
Australia dollar	2.2280-2.2307
Bahrain dinar	0.551-0.563
Brazil cruzeiro*	79014.7-79076.6
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland marka	8.469-8.573
Greece drachma	341.0-348.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5342-11.5411
India rupee	45.82-46.78
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	3.8491-3.8532
Mexico peso	4.53-4.63
New Zealand dollar	2.7747-2.7802
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.477-5.603
Singapore dollar	2.4138-2.4169
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0218-7.0714
S Africa rand (com)	4.9751-4.9816
U A E dirham	5.363-5.457

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4952-1.4963
Austria	11.97-11.98
Belgium (Com)	34.98-34.99
Canada	1.2836-1.2841
Denmark	6.5265-6.5295
France	5.7300-5.7340
Germany	1.7020-1.7030
Hong Kong	7.7395-7.7405
Ireland	1.4340-1.4350
Italy	1548.0-1549.0
Japan	105.98-106.03
Malaysia	2.5833-2.5843
Netherlands	1.9085-1.9090
Norway	7.1907-7.1927
Portugal	162.33-162.43
Singapore	1.6200-1.6210
Spain	130.38-130.43
Sweden	7.8592-7.8692
Switzerland	1.5053-1.5058

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6-
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁷⁄₃₂; 3 mth 5⁵⁄₃₂ Sell: 2 mth 5⁵⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 5⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⁷⁄₈	6-5⁷⁄₈	6-5⁷⁄₈	
Interbank	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⁷⁄₈	6-5⁷⁄₈	6-5⁷⁄₈	6-5⁷⁄₈

Overnight: open 6⅛ close 6⅛

Local Authority Deps	6	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.09-3.06	n/a	3.18-3.15	3.34-3.31	3.72-3.70
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance, Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 25, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bullion: Open $377.00-377.50 Close: $375.10-375.60 High: $378.20-378.70
Low: $373.60-374.10 Krugerrand: $374.00-376.00 (£250.00-252.00)
Sovereigns Old $89.00-92.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $89.00-92.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $380.80 (£255.05) Silver: $4.45 (£2.97) Palladium: $132.15 (£88.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	48	62	69	3	10½	17½
(*539)	550	12	29	40½	20	30½	38½
Argyll	300	31	41	46	2½	7½	13½
(*327)	330	10	22	29	13	20	27
ASDA	67	7½	11½	-	1½	4	-
(*72½)	76	3	6½	-	5	8½	-
Boots	420	40	53	61	2	9	15½
(*454)	460	11	28	37	15	25½	32½
Br Airways	287	25½	37	42	3	9½	15½
(*307½)	316	7	20½	25½	16½	23	29½
BP	300	12	20½	26½	6	15½	20
(*303)	330	2	8½	14	29	34½	37
Br Steel	90	8	12	16	2½	6½	8
(*96½)	100	3	7½	11½	8½	11½	13½
C & W	750	30½	51½	67	12	28	39
(*770½)	800	6½	27½	43	45	57	67
CU	580	32½	43½	-	6½	22	-
(*602½)	629	7	19	-	33½	50½	-
ICI	651	19	32	50	19	38	46
(*652)	681	9	23½	40	34	53½	60½
Kingfishr	584	32	48	-	7	20	-
(*606½)	632	7	24	-	32	45	-
Land Sec	550	41	56	59½	2½	9½	16½
(*587)	600	6	23	28	19	28	38½
M & S	330	21	31	37	4	9½	14½
(*344)	360	5	14	21½	20	25	29½
Nat West	460	30	40	50½	6	14	22
(*481½)	500	8½	19½	30½	26½	38	45½
Sainsbury	460	33	47½	55½	3½	11	16½
(*486½)	500	8½	23½	32½	21	29	34½
Shell	600	38	48½	57½	3½	14½	20½
(*631)	650	7	17½	31½	25	39½	45
Smkl Bch	420	29	44	54½	7½	19½	28½
(*434½)	460	8	25	35½	28	40½	49½
Storehse	200	12	19½	26	5½	11½	16
(*209)	220	3½	10½	16½	18	22	27½
Trafalgar	101	7	12½	-	4½	9	-
(*105)	110	3	8	13	9½	13½	16
Unilever	1000	48	75	99½	8½	22	31
(*1034)	1050	17	45½	61	30½	45	55½
Zeneca	600	35	48	62	7	25	32
(*623½)	650	8	23½	37½	33½	54	60½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	420	18	31	42	9½	19½	32
(*431½)	460	4	15½	26	40½	40	55½
Ladbroke	160	22½	28	32	2½	8½	11½
(*178½)	180	8½	16	21	8½	18½	21
Utd Bisc	390	17	33½	42½	13½	24½	33½
(*394)	420	5½	20½	30½	33½	42½	51½

June 28, 1993 Tot: 22206 Call: 12908 Put: 9298 FT-SE Call: 3185 Put: 1584
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	37	58½	64	10½	20½	24
(*728½)	750	9½	32½	33	35½	45½	52
Thames W	460	20	32½	36	8½	19½	22½
(*469)	500	5	14	17½	35	43	45½
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	18	28	38½	13	26	30
(*428½)	450	7½	17	27½	27½	42½	46½
BTR	360	26	32½	38½	3½	11	13
(*379)	390	7½	16	22½	16½	25½	28
Br Aero	360	46½	66½	77½	9	23	31
(*395)	390	28	49½	62½	20	37	45½
Br Telcm	420	17½	24½	28½	10	22	28
(*426)	460	3½	9½	14	36½	48½	53½
Cadbury	420	48	57½	67	2½	9½	12
(*460½)	460	18½	32	43	14½	25½	30
Guinness	460	28	43	54½	9½	21½	26½
(*468½)	500	8½	23½	34	32½	43½	48½
GEC	330	14½	23	28	9	15	18½
(*340)	360	3	10	15	31	33½	36
Hanson	220	13½	18½	22	4½	9½	13
(*225½)	240	4	9½	13	15½	20½	24
LASMO	140	21½	30	34½	3	7½	11
(*159)	160	9½	18	23½	9	17	20½
Lucas	130	13	19	22	5	12½	15½
(*137)	140	7½	13	17	10½	18½	21½
Pilkngtn	120	6½	12½	13½	6	10½	14½
(*118½)	130	3	8	9	13½	16½	21
Prudential	330	18½	28	34½	6½	15½	19½
(*341)	360	4½	13½	21	24½	32½	35½
Redland	460	30½	45½	54	11	28	34½
(*474½)	500	9	27	35½	33½	51	56
Royal Ins	288	30	30	38½	6	14	18½
(*302)	307	6	16	25	22½	30	34
Tesco	200	21	28	33	3	9	10
(*215½)	220	8	18	20	10	18	20
Vodafone	420	39	55½	62½	6½	16½	21½
(*440½)	460	14½	32½	41	24½	35	39½
Williams	300	37	42	48	7½	8½	12½
(*331½)	330	14½	23½	31	11	22½	26

FT-SE INDEX (*2895½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jul	162	114	69	32	13	4
Aug	174	132	91	61	36	20
Sep	188	147	110	81	56	37
Oct	202	164	130	99	75	54
Dec	-	197	-	136	-	87
Puts						
Jul	2½	5	12	26	59	105
Aug	12	19	30	48	75	111
Sep	19	28	41	61	87	124
Oct	30	43	58	79	103	133
Dec	-	64	-	112	-	155

Series		Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	28½	41½	49	10½	16	22½
(*406)	420	13½	25½	33	26½	32½	37
Amstrad	30	6	7	8	2	2½	3
(*34½)	35	3	4½	5½	4	5	5½
Barclays	460	28	41½	49	19	24½	29½
(*470)	500	10½	23	30	43	49	51½
Blue Circ	240	22	28	33½	9	16	19
(*251)	260	11½	18	24	19	27	30
Br Gas	290	27½	31½	34½	4½	10	12½
(*299)	300	14	19	23½	11½	19	22
Dixons	200	26	33	37	8	12½	16
(*220)	220	14½	22	26½	17	21½	26
Forte	220	18	25½	31	12	19	23½
(*223)	240	9	16½	22½	24	32	35
Hillsdwn	140	8½	14½	17	11½	16½	18
(*136½)	160	3½	7½	10½	26½	30½	31½
Lonrho	120	12	18	21	9	13	16
(*122)	130	7½	14½	16½	15½	18½	22
Sears	90	12½	14½	16	2	3½	5
(*99½)	100	6	8½	10	4½	8	9
Thrn Emi	900	35	52	62	36½	44½	55
(*949½)	950	14½	30	41½	72	76½	86½
Tomkins	220	15½	22½	27½	8	13½	17½
(*228)	240	6½	14½	18	25	25½	29
TSB	180	19½	25	28½	5½	8½	13½
(*194½)	200	8	14	18	14½	18	24
Wellcome	650	62	83	97	10½	33½	45
(*685½)	700	38	54½	70	43	58	69
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	48	60	73½	19	36	48
(*569)	600	25	38	51½	47	67	76½
HSBC	650	49	69	87	27½	41½	59½
(*666½)	700	24	45½	63	56	68½	86
Reuter	1350	82	122	147½	49½	72	103
(*1379)	1400	54	95½	130	74	98½	126
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	13	15½	20	7	14	15
(*143½)	160	5	10	12	21	27	27
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	180	8	19	20	11½	19½	24
(*177)	200	3	9	15	27	33	37
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc	420	43½	46	51	4½	12	17½
(*463½)	460	11½	22	29½	23	30½	30½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	22½	33	38	10	17	21
(*367½)	390	9	19	24	27½	32	36½
Scot Pwr	310	17	22	-	10½	15	-
(*319)	330	6½	12½	16½	23½	26½	30

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Cocoa futures ended near the day's lows depressed by a downside correction following the climb to a three month peak and the strength of sterling. Robusta coffee futures were also subdued with the market currently lacking any clear trend. White sugar futures were showing small gains with the downtrend temporarily checked amid indications that the market has become oversold.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	712-711	Sep	768 SLR
Sep	712 BID	Dec	788-786
Dec	715 BID	Mar	808-806
Mar	728 BID	May	822-820
May	741-739		
Jul	754-753		Volume: 3486

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	897-896	Mar	925-923
Sep	921-920	May	940-930
Nov	923-922	Jul	950-940
Jan	922-920		Volume: 1987

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow

Spot	unq	Dec	unq
May	unq	Mar	-
Aug	-	May	-
Oct	-	Aug	-
			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	271.5-69.7
Spot	unq	May	273.4-73.2
Aug	277.5-76.5	Aug	280.3-75.2
Oct	270.5-69.5	Oct	273.5-66.3
Dec	270.0-69.2		Volume: 510

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.35	116.57	143.14
(+/-)	-0.23	+1.54	+1.41
Eng/Wales:	87.13	116.75	142.69
(+/-)	-0.28	+1.64	+1.40
(%)	-4.2	+19.7	-13.3
Scotland:	93.12	114.96	146.79
(+/-)	-1.19	-0.77	+1.44
(%)	-10.2	-44.3	-12.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	unq	Mar	unq	unq
Jul	unq	unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.50
Nov	108.10
Jan	110.70
Mar	112.90
May	115.00
	Volume: 97

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.75
Nov	107.25
Jan	110.25
Mar	112.30
May	113.15
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	153.30
Oct	153.30
Dec	155.80
Feb	159.00
Apr	160.00
	Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	66.5
Apr	85.8	85.4
May	94.0	93.0
		Volume: 49

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/k)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In a quiet start to the week levels were unchanged. The market chose to ignore the Baghdad bombing raids.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.30	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.55	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.90	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.20	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (n/c)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (n/c)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	164 (n/c)	165 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	166 (-1)	167 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	60 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (+1)	173 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	163.00-63.25	Oct	169.75-70.00
Aug	165.00-65.25	Nov	172.00-72.50
Sep	166.75-67.00	Dec	174.50-74.75
			Vol: 6647

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.54-17.55	Nov	n/a
Sep	17.78-17.79	Dec	18.22-18.30
Oct	17.96-17.98		Vol: 12896

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	189.25-90.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	188.00-89.50	Nov	n/a
Sep	188.00-89.50		Vol: 19

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	unq	unq	1493
Jul 93	1340	1337	1337
Aug 93	1320	1315	1315
Oct 93	1405	1405	1403

Vol: 24 lots. Open int'st: 3731 Index 1492 -10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1258.5-1259.0	1276.5-1277.0	1171350
Lead (£/tonne)	261.50-262.00	272.00-272.25	132400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	920.50-921.50	940.00-941.00	312875
Tin ($/tonne)	4975.0-4980.0	5035.0-5040.0	14265
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1211.5-1212.0	1234.0-1235.0	1352275
Nickel ($/tonne)	5340.0-5345.0	5400.0-5405.0	11960

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Prices close below best levels

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 21. Dealings end July 2. §Contango day July 5. Settlement day July 12. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Ntl	408	-2	14.5	3.5	15.7
268	179	Allied Irish	257	+4	...	4.4	12.1
176	130	Aus New Z	161	...	...	3.6	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2981½	-18½	...	...	...
290	188	Bk of Ireland	247	+3	...	5.2	16.8
330	235	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
156	116½	Bank Scotland	153½	-½	4.5	3.7	30.6
470	362	Barclays	430	+4	...	4.0	...
3½	2	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	20	...	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	479 †	...	27.0	7.0	∞
130	85	Cardes	129	...	...	4.1	17.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2100 †	-9½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1987½	-6½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	343	...	...	3.5	15.2
£129½	9275	Commerzbk	£127¼	...	...	3.4	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£269¾	-175	...	2.4	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	74	...	...	...	...
1443	878	Fuji Bank Y	1395	...	...	0.4	∞
468	343	Gerrard Nat	459 †	...	21.5	6.4	11.3
669	400	HSBC	657	+13	19.0	3.6	18.0
648	474	HSBC HK	640	+12	19.0	3.7	15.5
356	240	Hambros	339 †	...	...	5.2	15.8
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.3	...
480	312	Kleinwort Ben	433	-1	18.0	5.0	14.0
584	482	Lloyds	546	+1	18.4	4.0	16.2
87	69	Lon Scot Bk	82 †	...	3.0	4.6	16.3
455	372	Nat Aust Bk	438 †	+2	...	4.6	15.1
489	398	Nat West	482	+4	17.5	4.5	29.3
397	220	Provident	383	-1	11.4	3.7	16.6
47	39	Rea Bros	43	...	0.5	1.5	48.7
250	207	Ryl Bk Scot	236	-2	8.5	3.2	...
987	467½	Schroders	955	...	...	1.4	19.0
797	576	Stand Chart	785	-3	20.0	3.2	...
198	145½	TSB	194½	+½	6.4	4.2	...
150	78	Union Disc	142	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	729 †	-2	...	3.3	18.4
255	185	-do- 6% 'A'	252	...	...	3.0	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7250½	+125	...	1.4	...
172	122	Westpac	168 †	-1	...	4.5	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	539	...	...	4.9	14.6
647	444	Bass	488	-2	18.0	4.8	10.6
299	190	Boddington	282	+1	3.5	3.2	16.4
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	370	...	9.0	3.0	17.3
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	141	...	4.4	3.9	10.3
372	261	Devenish (JA)	368 †	...	7.8	2.7	20.6
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	99	...	...	4.2	25.8
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	59½	+½	...	5.4	7.0
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	323	...	...	2.2	15.2
480	383	Grand Met	434	+5	12.3	3.6	14.2
427	354	Greenalls Grp	358	+4	11.7	4.1	11.0
563	505	Greene King	510	-6	11.6	2.8	13.3
516	440	Guinness	470	-1	...	3.2	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hanson	267	...	7.9	4.0	12.6
125	105	Heavitree▲	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
325	255	Highland Dist	324	-4	6.0	2.3	21.5
3125	2538	Holt J	3075	...	41.0	1.7	20.0
38	33	Hoskins Brew.	36 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	278	...	7.0	3.1	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
465	375	Marstn Thmp 'A'	380 †	...	...	2.9	18.1
855	655	Mansfield	845	-10	15.4	2.3	∞
273	232	Mrstn Thmp	267	-3	5.4	2.6	∞
403	328½	Matthew Clark	403 †	+3	...	5.3	∞
300	253	Mnyden W	288	...	...	2.7	20.8
543	455	Morland	543 †	+3	8.4	1.9	21.6
12	6½	Panamount▲	8½	-½	...	2.1	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	162	-1	...	3.5	16.2
950	755	SA Breweries	875	-23	...	3.1	...
482½	408	Scot & New	460	+2	16.1	4.4	12.5
223	181	Taunton Cider	213	...	...	2.8	19.9
248	213	Vaux Group	227	+2	9.3	5.1	15.6
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	292	...	...	2.1	23.6
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	499 †	+2	...	4.4	12.5
1180	850	-do- 'B'	998 †	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	503	-7	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	425	Young 'A'	485	-3	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
37	13	Albrighton▲	31	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen▲	123	+12	...	5.2	∞
99	65	Amec	87	+2	3.0	4.3	16.1
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead▲	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Atwoods	117½	-1	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	220	+2	...	4.3	55.9
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	77 †	...	3.1	5.1	25.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barrett	95 †	...	1.2	1.6	17.2
155	94	Barratt Devs	155	+6	2.0	1.6	17.3
412	305	Bellway	407	...	...	3.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	259½	Berkeley Gp	404	-1	6.0	1.9	∞
88	45	Bett Bros	83 †	...	...	0.8	3.4
48	36	Blockleys	39	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
265	189	Blue Circle	253	+1	...	5.6	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	278	...	5.9	2.7	15.6
106	78	Breedon PLC	90	...	4.6	6.4	21.8
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
78	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	99	Bryant	137	...	4.8	4.4	29.3
91	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	275	+3	...	3.4	17.5
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
41	21	Costain	43	...	...	...	...
175	86½	Countryside	137	...	...	3.8	35.8
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	+1	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	85	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	0.5	3.2	...
260	178	Epwin	259	...	6.8	3.3	21.9
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Groupe▲	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	52½	...	2.0	4.8	26.6
6½	3½	Explaura▲	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	136	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	38	-3	4.3	...	15.3
75	53	Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	873	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120	...	...	3.4	27.3
51	28	Hewetson	48	...	1.2	3.2	∞
293	186	Heywd Wlm	282	...	12.5	5.4	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	90	-4	2.5	3.5	...
35	22	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
25	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	64	...	1.0	2.0	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	263	...	9.0	4.3	10.5
85	55	Ln Clydesdale▲	75 †	...	4.5	7.5	28.2
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	21½	...	...	...	9.8
320	240	Manders	319	...	9.0	3.5	19.5
143	93	Marley	139	+2	4.2	3.8	40.8
95	61	Marshalls	91	-1	4.0	5.7	∞
175	122	Maunders (J)	175	...	4.9	3.5	16.0
214	96	McAlpine (A)	202	-1	6.5	4.0	35.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	33	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	340 †	+4	...	3.7	34.0
7	4	Miklin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	101	+1	4.0	5.0	...
89	51	NHM	85	+1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	155	+1	...	6.4	20.7
300	197	Persimmon	293	+1	8.6	4.1	26.5
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1412½	...	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	128	...	5.4	3.3	...
5	3½	Quiligotti▲	4	...	...	...	...
780	555	RMC Gp	738	-1	...	3.4	29.0
117	88	Raine Ind	88	-1	6.0	8.5	14.7
36	20	Ransom▲	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	474	+6	25.0	6.6	27.6
93	64	Rotel	72	...	4.2	7.5	10.6
286	207	Rugby Group	268	-1	6.4	3.0	20.5
57	33	Sydd-Rae▲	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
177	86½	Sheffield Insl	176 †	+2	...	3.8	43.2
120	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	120	...	...	2.1	17.7
95	66	Shorco▲	73	...	...	8.0	16.6
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	...	8.5	5.4	9.8
6½	4½	Stermin	4½	...	0.3	7.9	∞
142	103	Tarmac	141	+7	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	178	...	5.8	4.1	11.4
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	107	+2	1.0	1.2	...
613	433	Tilbury Dougls	613	+8	33.0	6.7	∞
39	19	Torex Hire▲	34	...	...	1.5	...
235	168	Travis Perkins	233	...	8.0	4.3	41.0
40	30	Try Group	35	...	1.0	3.6	9.9
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	66	...	2.5	4.8	∞
65	20	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol▲	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	134 †	...	5.0	4.7	20.9
12	4½	Wm Staffs▲	9½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	321	Wilson Bowdn	418	...	8.7	2.6	28.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	179	...	3.9	2.7	31.0
193	107	Wimpey G	174	+3	5.2	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	38	-1	4.0	...	4.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	583	-7	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
54	37	African Lakes	53	...	2.0	4.7	...
178	125	Aston Sec	171	+1	...	3.9	30.6
118	84	BET Ord	118 †	+1	3.2	3.4	...
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
315	236	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
285	238	Barbour Index	245	...	2.2	1.7	18.3
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
250	184	Brit Data Mgt	250	...	...	2.0	21.8
21	11	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	68	...	...	...	...
104	86	CET Gp	101	...	2.4	3.0	11.6
178	139½	Capita Group	172	...	...	1.5	26.0
45	31	Cathay Pic	45	+3	...	2.2	17.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	43	...	...	...	...
320	228	Chubb Sec	319 †	...	...	1.9	21.3
98	18	Comaco▲	91	-3	...	2.1	22.7
30	6½	Corp Services	26	+1	...	...	...
93	50	Dan	89	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	228	...	...	4.4	17.2
104	85	DW Facts▲	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	24½	...	0.6	3.4	17.0
51	30	Gardiner (DC)	51	+10	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	231	+3	...	2.6	22.7
220	174	Hogg Robinson	207	+2	6.6	4.1	∞
70	45	Holmes Protectn	43	...	...	...	2.8
189	127	Hutch Whamp	181	+4	...	2.6	∞
1950	975	IBS B DKr	1912½	...	...	5.9	2.4
637	532	Inchcape	587	...	...	2.9	20.4
863	669	Johnson Clean	839	+2	23.7	3.8	∞
12	2½	Lep	9	-½	...	...	...
244	173	Mills Gp	225	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
1187	893	Manpower	996	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	194	Pennon▲	194 †	-1	...	6.4	7.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	98	+3	...	15.3	5.4
423	370	RCO	370	...	12.8	4.7	12.5
114	102	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Secu	133	...	...	4.2	13.4
238	178	Rentokil	197	+4	2.3	1.5	34.6
282	240	Roffe & Nolan	277 †	...	...	3.2	15.6
399	342	Salvesen (C)	359	+4	...	2.8	19.4
35	29	Scott Pickford▲	34	...	...	3.4	8.0
309	164	Securiguard	309	...	9.4	3.9	16.1
6½	5	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	698	Serco Gp	943	...	14.0	1.9	26.1
352	235	Sherwd Cmps▲	276	...	...	3.7	...
130	90	Sketchley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
395	310	Warner Howrd	317	...	6.3	2.6	16.5
45	23	Welpac	36	-1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	21½	...	...	0.6	29.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	233	...	...	2.3	19.9
787	613	Amersham	786 †	+3	13.5	2.1	∞
7	3	Anglo Utd	3	...	...	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9487½	+37½	...	7.3	...
265	199	BTP	265	+2	9.3	4.5	∞
£119	£101¾	Bayer DM50	£108	+£1¼	...	5.2	...
178	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	7.3	17.6
185	91	Brent Chems	104	-1	...	8.9	9.5
530	375	Br Bio-Tech	375	-3	...	...	...
29	15	Cabrl Gp	15	...	...	...	...
153	126	Canning (W)	135	...	7.2	6.8	15.5
608	504	Courtaulds	569 †	...	...	3.1	15.1
291	228	Croda	288	+1	...	3.4	18.8
149	121	Doefloc	140	...	4.6	4.1	10.7
218	175	Ellis & Everard	216	...	7.0	4.1	19.7
33½	19½	Euro Colour	32 †	...	0.8	3.1	18.6
290	259	Halstead (J)	259	...	...	2.3	15.0
241	194	Hickson	209	-1	...	4.8	19.4
£114½	8880	Hoechst	9975	-337½	...	3.8	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	218	...	...	2.2	19.6
770	608	ICI	652½	-6½	...	5.3	...
688	581	Laporte	617	-1	19.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	204	-1	7.8	4.9	∞
97½	35	MTM	54	-1	...	...	...
1750	1482½	Norsk Hydro	1700	...	...	1.7	24.4
430	330	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.9	3.2	19.5
400	350	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	27.3
296	231	Plysu	272 †	...	...	3.8	15.1
235	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13½	7½	Scotlife Spark	13	...	...	...	...
455	425	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	4.7	17.3
490	395	Wolstnme R	470	...	17.0	4.5	14.1
410	355	Yorks Chem	380	+1	...	2.7	19.3
306	240	Yule Catto	365	-1	5.9	2.1	16.2
637	609	Zeneca	624	...	...	5.5	36.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	61	Alexon	66	+2	...	5.8	...
87	42	Amber Day	64	...	3.1	6.1	17.5
329½	257	Argos Plc	316	-3	...	2.8	27.0
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	112 †	...	0.1	0.1	...
355	278	Asprey	288	...	...	2.1	18.4
134	94	Austin Reed	129	-1	...	2.4	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	...	5.2	14.4
122	94	Benalls	100	...	1.8	2.4	...
276	208	Betterware	250 †	+2	...	1.0	29.9
35	22	Blacks Lsie	34	...	2.2	8.7	∞
227	133	Body Shop	187 †	...	...	1.1	34.1
16	12	Brown & Jacksn	14	...	...	0.7	∞
401	338	Brown (N)	386 †	...	...	2.5	22.7
87½	64½	Burton	86 †	...	...	2.9	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
360	285	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	133	...	4.2	4.0	16.0
247	212	Coats Viyella	246	+2	...	3.7	19.0
106	78	Colourvision▲	98	+2	...	...	16.6
693	374	Courts Furnish	632	...	3.5	1.1	∞
148	115	Crown Eye▲	137	...	...	3.5	6.4
116	89	Dairy Farm Intl	116	+5	...	2.9	18.4
73	57½	Dewhirst (D)	72½	...	1.0	1.7	23.3
281	194½	Dixons Grp	221	+3	6.0	3.4	26.0
413	320	Dunhill	381 †	-2	8.1	2.7	∞
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	12.1
115	71	Essex Furn	103	+2	...	3.3	17.5
290	238	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.9
575	490	Fine Art Dev	575	...	12.7	2.8	19.8
59	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Foodmaster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
88	24	French Conn▲	87	+2	...	...	...
65	21	Gabbicci▲	45	...	2.0	...	9.8
45	23	Gem Sk	38	...	2.0	4.5	17.6
62	25	Goldsmiths Gp	52	...	0.3	0.7	...
3100	2400	GUS	3100	+37	40.0	1.6	24.7
1784	1563	-do- 'A'	1780	+17	40.0	2.8	14.2
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.6	15.4
277	30	Harstone	41	+4	4.8	14.9	2.5
29½	20	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
60	30	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle▲	53	...	...	2.2	7.9
93	65	Jacques Vert	82	...	2.0	...	...
619	486	Kingfisher	607	+3	...	2.8	19.9
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	12.6
685	465	Liberty	638	...	7.2	1.4	74.1
330	265	Lloyds Chem	284	+7	5.5	2.5	11.5
152	120	MFI	133	...	...	3.5	17.7
365	311	Marks Spencer	346	+2	...	2.9	18.9
505	445	Menzies (John)	497	...	10.0	2.5	16.5
200	135	Moss Bros	200	+1	5.5	3.4	∞
178½	139½	Next	170½	+2	2.5	1.8	20.4
40	13	Oliver (G)	34	...	...	...	...
220	197	Ordiltone Ind	208	...	...	4.6	∞
65	45	Partco	48	-2	1.5	3.8	10.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	295	...	5.1	2.2	21.0
44½	11	Ramers Group	39½	-1½	2.4	9.9	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	30½	...	...	...	...
181	137	Sherwood Gp	158	-1	...	2.1	14.2
108	93	Sears	99½	-½	...	4.4	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	429	+3	13.4	3.9	15.1
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
210	176	Storehouse	209	+1	...	3.0	26.6
191	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	127 †	+1	1.0	1.0	20.8
220	160	Time Products	217 †	...	7.5	4.3	18.7
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	97	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	22	Viret	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wesgate▲	34	...	...	8.7	...
120	78	Wickes	115	...	...	...	51.0
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	78	+2	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	176	-4	...	2.8	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	169 †	+7	...	4.0	∞
240	223	Acal▲	233 †	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	96	...	...	...	48.7
480	385	Adwest	444	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
132	104	Alba	131	+1	4.3	4.3	∞
48	19½	Alphameric	48	...	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	34½	+½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	77	...	...	...	...
13	9	Atlen	13	...	...	...	...
83	39½	Astec	62½	...	...	...	1.0
293	230	Beales Hunter	265	...	9.2	4.4	14.0
9	3½	Bennet & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	393	-5	19.2	6.1	26.6
575	450	Blick	485	-2	9.2	2.5	17.7
1700	1150	Borland▲	1500	...	...	...	...
336	224	Bowthorpe	336	+3	6.3	2.4	21.9
445½	376	BT	427	+1½	...	4.7	19.7
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	∞
160	110	Burnfield	158	...	5.7	4.6	24.7
780	609	Cable Wireless	771	+7	...	2.4	19.9
21½	11½	Chloride	17½	+½	...	...	...
258	220	CML Micro▲	253 †	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108½	Cray Elect	136	...	...	0.4	12.6
378	243	Critchley	364	-4	...	1.4	...
119	86	Dale	105	-1	5.1	6.2	18.0
548	414	Delta	520	+2	...	3.4	21.4
340	205	Denmans Ele▲	336	...	...	2.3	14.2
620	450	Domino	463	...	7.2	1.9	15.4
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck▲	990	...	...	1.2	24.1
411	358	Electrocomps	406	+2	...	2.5	16.3
580	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.1	1.1	15.8
91	43	Electron House	85	-3	2.5	3.5	25.9
30½	10½	Ernest	27½	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	597	...	8.0	1.7	22.2
147	108	FKI	144 †	+2	3.0	2.6	∞
426	340	Farnell Elect	423½	+1½	...	1.8	22.4
51	33	Feedback▲	48	...	...	...	...
15	9	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	202	...	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp▲	265 †	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
343	264	GEC	340	+1½	9.6	3.5	18.0
182	132	Graseby	167	...	...	8.2	18.1
11½	7½	Graystone	8½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hitchen▲	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	148	...	...	2.6	10.6
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
19	8	Kembrey	18½	+1½	0.1	1.1	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	314	-3	5.8	2.4	∞
193	47	Kewill Syst▲	193	+1	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	200	...	5.5	3.4	24.2
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	45	...	...	...	...
365	222	LEMS▲	260	-18	...	0.4	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Lab Sciences	149	...	3.5	3.0	16.1
269	164	Logica	260	+5	3.6	1.8	30.7
60	40	LPA Ind▲	45	-½	...	10.1	12.2
212	172	MR Data Mngmt	171	...	4.5	3.1	16.5
683	523	Macro 4	670	...	...	2.4	20.5
690	327	Memtec Sw▲	580	...	...	1.9	19.3
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2143	-10	...	3.5	16.7
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	27½	+3½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
297	98	Mitel	262	-35	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compt▲	119	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	24 †	...	1.3	6.8	∞
272	202	MTL Inst▲	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Multitone Elect	128	...	3.0	2.9	15.7
168	116	Murray Enter	168 †	+2	1.8	1.4	79.1
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5987½	-137½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	143	...	2.6	2.3	18.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	64	-1	...	...	...
125	58	Norbain▲	125	+3	...	1.0	19.7
75	30	Northamber	61	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	2.1
265	105	Oxford Inst	252½	-1½	4.5	2.3	∞
83	48	P-E Internt'l	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
77	29	P & P	77	...	1.4	2.3	40.9
80	55	Peck	68	...	3.4	6.2	17.8
190	115	Pegasus	174	-4	...	4.6	44.7
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	6.4	...	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1037½	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	231	...	...	...	...
462	343	Plm	462	...	7.2	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.3	37.4
96	60	Plasmec▲	70	...	...	6.7	5.9
104	76	Pressac	102	...	2.4	2.9	20.6
135	103	Prism▲	130	...	...	2.8	28.2
229	160	Racal Elect	223 †	...	...	2.4	17.5
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.2	∞
70	43	Radius▲	55	...	...	3.3	20.0
92	61	Real Time▲	78	...	...	4.9	6.9
35	18	Riva▲	33	...	...	...	41.9
620	488	Sage Gp	503	-17	9.0	2.2	16.1
362	222	Senderson Elec	255 †	...	9.0	3.8	12.6
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
330	220	Sema Gp	308	+1	2.8	1.1	25.0
39	26	Silvermines	31	...	...	9.3	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	48	...	...	5.8	15.9
2512½	1737½	TDK	2487½	+9½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	11½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	136	...	0.8	0.7	∞
923	809	THORN EMI	915	+8	...	4.5	18.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	108	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	70	Total Systems▲	78	...	3.0	4.9	∞
445	372	Tunstall	435 †	...	6.0	2.7	17.4
296	164	Unitech	277½	-1½	5.8	3.1	41.6
35	24	Vistec▲	32½	-1	...	1.5	∞
471	367	Vodafone	451 †	+4	...	1.9	20.4
441	360	Volex	430	+1	17.8	5.3	∞
26	11	Western Selectn	23	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	380	East Midlands	446	...	...	5.6	7.4
486	399	Eastern Elec	454	+7	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	340	...	...	4.3	12.0
505½	404	London Elect	484	+7	16.8	4.6	8.5
549	458	Manweb	523	+11	...	5.2	7.3
514	434½	Midlands Elec	472	+6	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	440	Northern Elec	514	+6	...	5.4	7.4
544	439	Norweb	489	+7	...	5.3	7.4
337	285	Scottish Power	319	...	...	4.5	11.8
578	436	Seeboard	510	+7	17.2	4.2	9.2
571	460	Sth Wales	530	+3	...	5.4	8.6
559	426	Sth Western	475	+10	...	5.4	7.3
496	406	Southern Elec	463	+11	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	453	Yorkshire Elec	502	+6	...	5.2	9.1
370	223	National Powr	368 †	+3½	...	3.6	11.2
388	279	PowerGen	386	+2½	...	3.4	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
97	47	BWD▲	96	...	...	4.2	15.0
90	28	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
480	433	Caledonia	480	...	14.4	3.9	17.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	...	12.0	1.1	∞
238	185	Candover	238	...	10.3	4.6	19.7
104	71	Henecha▲	104 †	+1	...	0.6	...
300	155	Goner	274	-1	...	5.5	9.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	5.5	13.8
6½	3	IIT	5½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
223	154	Lon Forsdnge▲	213	...	8.4	5.1	15.1
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
276	246	Rathbone Bro	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
27½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	12.1
330	233	S & U	282	...	10.0	4.3	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	56	-1	2.6	4.9	∞
975	738	Sotheby's	888	...	...	4.5	...
122	83	STP Capital	122 †	+1	3.0	3.1	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2160½	1487½	Amer Express	2162½ †	+75	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	978 †	+3	...	1.9	20.6
138	92	Invesco MIM	136	+1	3.0	2.1	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	222	...	...	2.3	10.9
202	154	MAI	202	+2	8.0	3.7	14.7
528	389	MAM	524 †	...	15.0	3.6	15.1
799	639	M & G	783	+3	...	1.4	20.8
285	115	Smith New Crt	283	...	...	2.1	3.3
81	58	Trio Hldgs	72	+1	...	5.3	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	486	+1	14.0	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	72½	-2½	...	2.8	23.4
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	239 †	+5	8.5	3.4	13.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	65	...	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	297	Argyll	322 †	+½	...	4.2	12.1
29	12	Ashley Group	14½	...	...	4.8	...
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	117	-3	10.0	8.5	...
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	350	Barr (AG)	375	+2	6.5	2.2	12.9
85	57	Beisons Crsp▲	75	...	...	4.8	16.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
495	352	Booker	386	...	...	7.0	39.2
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	487	...	6.2	1.6	20.3
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	...	16.0
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	461	+1	...	3.6	17.1
106	78	Carrs Milling	106 †	+1	3.9	4.6	21.2
208	178	Cranswick▲	181	...	...	5.2	∞
22	9½	Colbern	19½	...	0.5	3.5	∞
384	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	467	-3	19.5	5.2	13.6
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Devrest	128	+1	...	3.4	17.7
285	269	Fampak▲	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Fisher (James)	69 †	...	...	7.5	22.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
485	328	Geest	371	+1	8.1	2.7	16.7
12	7	Global▲	10	-½	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.2	3.7	∞
200	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	...	...	4.3	10.7
171	131	Hillsdown	137	-3	...	8.0	10.8
250	205½	Iceland Group	235 †	-1	...	1.8	21.0
131	111	IIT Group	117	-1	4.6	5.1	∞
863	730	Kwik Save	746	+3	16.0	2.7	14.3
262	185	Low (Wm)	187	...	8.4	5.6	9.1
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18½	...	1.1	7.7	36.3
174	149	Morrison (W)	155	...	...	0.7	19.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	553	-2	13.6	3.1	16.0
290	242	Nim Foods	276 †	...	...	3.8	13.7
22	13	Nthnbm Fre▲	15	...	...	...	6.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	227	+1	6.1	3.4	∞
250	205	Park Foods	245	...	6.0	3.1	∞
115	85	Perkins Food	94	-1	...	5.9	10.5
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	6	...	...	...	...
594	446	Sainsbury J	487	-1	...	2.6	17.1
68	33	Sentry Farm▲	61	...	...	3.1	10.0
225	108	Sims Food	108	...	...	8.7	5.8
439	357	Tate & Lyle	376	-1	12.0	4.0	11.9
275	208	Tesco	215½	+½	...	4.1	10.0
281	123	Thorntons	145	...	3.6	3.1	13.5
183	101	Treats▲	165	...	...	2.7	18.7
375	300	Unigate	342 †	-2	...	5.9	11.2
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	394	-1	...	4.9	20.3
25	21	Usborne	21	...	0.4	2.4	12.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	308 †	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Alrdn Sth Ea▲	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
227	170	Forte	223	+2	...	4.2	17.5
199	155	Friendly Hotels	190	...	3.7	3.8	36.2
8	5	Harmony Lsie▲	7	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	110½	+3½	...	3.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	179	+3	11.1	7.8	15.3
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	+1	...	4.7	18.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	46	-1	3.4	9.4	9.0
24	11½	Ryan Hotels Il	17½	...	...	6.3	∞
845	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	835	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	201	...	...	5.5	12.3
616	478	AAH	581	...	...	4.4	15.0
172	140	AIM	155	...	6.5	5.2	9.6
132	88	APV	98	...	...	6.9	...
233	81	ASW	209	...	...	3.6	...
174	124	Adwest	174	+1	7.0	5.0	24.7
28	10	Aerospace Eng	27	-1	1.0	...	16.4
518	434	Airsprung	481 †	...	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alenda 'W'	142	...	3.8	3.2	40.6
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	45	...	1.0	2.8	9.2
435	345	Amber Ind	435	...	18.5	5.5	∞
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	35	...	...	3.7	...
107	90	Anagas	95	+1	...	...	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	∞
893	703	Antofagasta	783	-35	...	2.6	14.1
50½	37	Armour	45	+2½	1.4	4.1	13.2
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	-½	0.0	2.1	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	493	...	...	4.2	19.7
235	168	Assoc Nursgn	219	...	...	...	8.4
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	61	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	+1	...	6.0	13.3
65	28	BLP Group▲	63	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21	...	5.0	...	...
770	650	BOC	690	-10	23.2	4.2	15.1
79½	62	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
487	353	BSS Group	429 †	...	...	5.0	29.7
380	318	BTR	379	+3	...	3.6	21.7
221	184	BWI	184	-1	6.7	4.6	17.7
41½	31	Babcock	37½	...	2.1	7.0	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	283	...	8.9	4.2	18.2
1052½	556½	Barlow Rand	687½	+18½	...	5.0	3.9
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	7	...	...	...	...
9½	6½	Beckenham▲	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	20	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	0.7	16.2
707	513	Bespak	515	...	9.0	2.2	16.1
130	78	Bisby (J)	79	...	0.7	...	4.6
300	129	Bilsam (J)	298	+10	5.0	2.1	15.0
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea▲	35	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Binter Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	156	...	...	0.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	10.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	179	...	2.9	2.1	18.4
274	129	Bluebird Toys▲	273	...	...	2.1	17.0
289½	247	Bodycote	280	...	...	2.3	17.9
553	425	Boots	494	+4	...	3.7	16.8
61	42	Booth Inds	49	...	0.7	1.8	...
512	435½	Bowater	488	+2	11.5	2.9	19.3
1682	1203	Bowater Inc	1300 †	-29	...	...	...
298	199	Bowmore Inds▲	243	...	...	...	...
19	12½	Brasway	16	...	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	+1	0.4	3.0	...
119	64	Bridon	105	...	...	4.7	76.1
72	53	Bridport-Gndry	72	+2	4.1	7.1	13.5
40	31	Brierley Inv	39	...	...	8.1	8.6
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
535	417	Br Polythene	524	...	...	2.4	18.8
106	54	Br Steel	98½	-½	...	1.5	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	25.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	15	...	...	2.1	...
248	216	Br Vita	218	-1	7.1	4.1	13.4
15	6½	Brixton Grp	14½	...	0.0	0.3	...
750	555	Broken Hill	636	+3	...	2.9	30.2
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	104	...	4.0	4.8	14.3
10½	6½	Brooks Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	65	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	118	+2	6.0	6.4	20.2
28	13	Business Tech▲	15	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
28	15	Campbell & Arm	17	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	28½	+½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	238 †	...	10.5	5.5	15.2
228	178	Carclo Eng	207	...	...	5.2	17.4
2888	2136	Carnaud Mtl	2375 †	...	...	2.7	∞
19	8	Cassidy Bros▲	12	...	...	4.2	8.0
189	158	Castings	189 †	+8	4.3	2.9	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	138	...	6.2	5.8	∞
707	605	Charter Cons	642	+3	...	4.4	11.7
295	220	Chemring	282 †	...	...	3.6	17.0
60	32	Chieftain Gp▲	54	...	5.1	11.8	11.6
35	17	Chillington	30 †	...	0.3	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	191	+3	...	1.0	...
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	320 †	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	179	Community H	218	...	6.5	4.3	11.7
245	186	Concentric	218	...	...	3.2	18.4
230	120	Cook (Wm)	205	...	5.0	3.1	∞
230	182	Cookson	220	+3½	...	3.4	20.1
60	38	Copyrite▲	56	...	...	2.2	∞
230	149	Crowell Fir 'A'	149	...	5.7	4.8	12.7
179	117	Costalt	117	...	10.7	...	17.5
224	150	Creighton Nb▲	153	+3	...	5.7	11.1
48	27	CrestaCare	41	+1	0.5	1.5	35.5
3937½	2903½	Daina	3562½	+37½	...	...	...
855	314	Davies Bs Sys	855	...	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DT)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	678 †	+1	...	3.1	17.9
25	16	Dinkie Heel	23	...	0.9	5.2	18.3
508	391	Diploma	508	+10	9.7	2.4	28.4
77	50	Dobson Park	74 †	...	5.7	...	13.3
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG▲	13	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	395	...	...	3.9	15.6
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1812½	...	...	3.1	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	402	Eng China Cl	434	-3	...	5.9	23.4
2850	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2850	-46½	...	1.1	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	90 †	...	...	3.3	9.1
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	84	...	3.2	4.8	∞
687	499	Fairey Group	687	+1	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	73	+1	4.2	...	13.8
66	32	Ferraris Group	60 †	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	50	...	0.5	1.3	...
251	147	Finns	177	-4	...	6.1	20.5
53	29	Flexitlon	41 †	...	...	12.3	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	3.2	9.9
43	30	Foltus Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
76	56	French (Thomas)	74	...	3.6	6.3	37.1
218	166½	Frost Group	207	...	4.0	2.4	8.7
83	71	GEI Intl	77	...	4.9	8.3	∞
480	434	GKN	447	+1	...	5.7	29.8
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	95	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	103	Gestetner	122	+1	8.2	8.5	5.2
36	23	Gieves	26	+1	...	...	18.8
801	545	Glaxo	570	+4	17.0	3.7	15.7
29½	16	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	...	...
311	345	Glynwed	301	-1	11.6	4.8	28.4
100	66	Goode Durrant	96	...	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hd	127	...	5.5	5.4	22.1
420	341	Granada	420	+2	7.7	2.3	22.2
407	308	Great Shares▲	390	...	...	3.4	16.4
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	7½	Greenacre▲	15½	+3	...	2.3	15.3
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Hadien MacLb	57	...	...	...	...
81	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	75	...	...	4.4	20.6
235	115	Hall Eng	230	...	8.6	4.7	19.2
251	215	Halma	248	...	2.2	1.1	30.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	+1	2.3	...	11.1
265½	225	Hanson	236	-1½	...	6.3	11.5
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.8	4.0	∞
182	147	Hawkshaw Crhld	176	+1	9.0	6.4	25.4
68	36	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
26	17	Headway	26	+1	0.7	3.4	13.7
394	301	Hepworth	373	-4	14.8	5.0	16.1
228	160	Hewitt (J)	214	...	3.0	1.8	16.7
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
149	112½	Hill & Smith	148	...	...	4.8	20.6
10	6½	Hobson▲	9½	+2	...	...	...
127	87	Holden Tech▲	127	...	...	5.9	16.6
49	30	Hopkinsons	45 †	...	1.3	3.6	18.6
187	133	Hornby▲	131	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
82	54½	Howden	78	-2	...	3.4	12.0
231½	173	Hunting	229	...	...	5.5	19.3
430	269½	Huntlgh Tech▲	428	...	...	1.8	∞
285	247	IMI	276	-5	...	4.5	23.6
109	90	ISA Intl	109	...	1.5	1.7	16.9
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	185	-2	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Isotron	248	...	3.9	2.0	15.9
528	360	Jardine Math	520	+6	...	2.3	20.1
537	432	Johnson Mttby	432 †	...	...	3.0	17.8
64	51	Johnson & FB	57½	...	3.0	7.2	16.0
177	104	Johnston	162	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	32	+1	...	...	...
32	13	Jourdan (T)	29	-1	0.7	3.2	...
64	26	Kalamazoo	62½	-1	2.1	4.3	∞
178	93	Kalon	160	...	...	2.5	22.2
297	259	Kelsey Ind	283 †	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	515	+10	27.0	6.6	26.7
168	75	Kleeneze	160	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW▲	142	...	3.0	2.6	11.8
308	266	Laird	291	-3	...	4.5	14.3
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	160 †	...	...	4.6	68.0
153	110	Lilleshall	152	...	4.2	3.5	18.7
153	97	Lincat▲	143	...	...	4.5	12.3
17½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
213	170	Linton Park	208	...	14.0	8.4	∞
15½	10½	Lindheart	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	1.0	7.4	∞
274	173	Lon Intl	179	+3	9.4	6.8	∞
126	70	Londin	122	-2½	...	4.2	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	335	+1	...	3.4	46.9
343	268	MB-Caradon	282	+2	...	3.8	21.8
169½	135	-do- pf	141	+½	7.2	6.4	...
28	14½	ML Hldgs	28	+2	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	37	+1	2.5	8.4	51.7
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	190	...	...	2.1	21.5
438	379	McKechnie	437	+3	14.7	4.2	21.7
106	85	McLeod Russel	85 †	...	6.0	8.8	10.4
10½	5½	Madison	5½	...	...	...	∞
81	63	Magnolia	80	...	0.1	0.2	12.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
170	124	Mayborne▲	168	-1	...	3.7	13.9
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	∞
236	197½	Medeva	217½	+3½	...	1.3	27.7
113	88	Meggitt	109	+1	...	4.3	18.6
118	98	Metalrax	110 †	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Meteca▲	76	...	...	...	...
82	29	Midstates	82	+1	...	1.1	11.4
25	14	Mining & Ald	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
488	368	Molins	467	...	...	3.7	12.1
345	262	Morgan Cble	304	-1	...	5.4	15.7
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	138	...	...	4.3	12.0
51	18	Neepsend	25	...	0.7	3.8	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	13.3
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
167	122½	Norcros	153 †	+1	...	5.7	22.4
48	35	Novo Group	43	+4	1.3	3.9	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	358	...	...	7.0	9.0
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	23½	+½	1.7	9.7	...
140	123	PCT▲	124	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	38	Pacer Systems▲	39	...	...	9.4	...
138	105	Pentland	107	...	...	2.9	14.5
385	330	Photo-Me	379	...	4.4	1.5	19.3
137	97½	Pilkington	119 †	-2	4.0	4.2	...
32	19	Pintos▲	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plysubrook	68	-2	3.0	5.5	10.7
154	126	Polypipe	137	...	1.9	1.8	19.8
32	19	Porter Chadburn	29	...	1.2	5.5	...
9	5½	Porth Gp▲	8	-½	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	328 †	+1	6.6	2.5	∞
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	33½	RES Groups	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ransom Oil▲	125 †	-31	...	1.0	∞
799	636	Rank Org	796	-16	31.0	4.9	21.8
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
687	532	Reckitt Colm	541	-2	...	3.7	19.6
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	3½	Reeve	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	192	...	4.9	3.2	23.0
308	275	Renishaw	286	...	6.5	2.8	21.9
69	53	Renold	68	...	1.0	1.9	∞
1438	1240	Reuters	1380	...	21.2	1.9	22.8
38	24½	Rexmore	38	...	1.7	5.8	9.3
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.6	34.3
68	55	Richard (Leics)	67	...	4.4	8.2	...
81	63	Richardson West	83	...	3.0	4.5	21.3
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.2
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	28	Ross Gp	34	...	0.6	2.4	19.9
171	131½	Rotork	165 ‡	...	...	2.8	21.8
148	103	Rubicon	148 #	...	...	1.3	...
65	45	Russell (A)	62	...	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Intl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
800	625	SKF 'B'	762½	+12½	...	...	...
83	39	Savage▲	83	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	45	...	2.2	6.1	17.8
348	208	Scapa	226 †	-1	...	3.1	16.5
238	192	Schroll	235	...	...	3.4	17.1
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	953	...	2.6	0.3	36.3
668	562	-do- 'A'	634	+9	2.6	0.5	24.1
565	465	Security Serv	535	+4	5.0	1.2	26.5
111	77	Senior Eng	108½	...	...	3.6	18.1
361	306	Seton Health	320 †	...	...	2.2	19.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
139	98	Shiloh	130	...	1.9	2.8	14.0
361	295	Sidlaw	345	...	10.0	3.6	16.0
501	427	Siebe	491	+4	...	2.6	17.8
321	330	Silentnight	331	...	...	3.1	18.9
124	102	Sime Darby	111	...	...	3.8	13.6
142	32	Simon Eng	35	-2	5.0	17.9	8.0
209	194	Sinclair (Wm)	196	-16	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	37	Six Hundred	37 †	...	2.0	5.9	∞
164	140½	Smith & Neph	144½	+1	...	4.0	19.4
515	389	Smithkline	435	+2	8.6	2.5	15.7
450	340	Smithklne Eq	384	-3	...	3.5	13.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	359	+2	11.2	3.9	14.7
140	60	Spa Bus	70	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
430	365	Spandex▲	403 †	...	...	2.0	17.9
650	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
392	314	Spirax-Sarco	339	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	46	Spring Ram	54	+1	...	0.8	14.8
270	222	Staveley	232 †	...	8.5	4.6	∞
147	126	Sterling Ind	144	...	5.6	5.0	∞
36	11	Stonehill	25	-½	...	...	...
156	97	Suter	156	...	8.8	7.1	16.3
360	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	347	+7	...	2.6	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	58	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Sytone	259	+3	9.4	4.5	∞
183	104	T&N	180	...	...	7.3	28.8
348	279	TI	341	+2	...	3.0	18.8
23	12	TLS Range▲	16	...	...	...	...
289	218	TT Group	290	+1	6.0	2.5	17.7
249	220	Takare	228	...	1.8	1.0	18.9
823	618	Takeda Chem	812	+16	...	0.6	21.5
48	24	Tex Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
104	70	Tinsley (E)▲	104	...	...	6.2	12.1
225	150	Titan	198	...	...	2.3	17.2
271	221	Tomkins	227½	+½	...	3.5	16.0
110½	67	Trafalgar H	105½	+½	...	3.9	7.6
110	65½	-do- 'A'	105½	+1	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	554	...	16.0	3.6	14.0
190	158	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	220	UniChem	229	...	5.6	3.1	15.0
335	275½	Unidare	305	...	...	6.4	10.0
68	11½	Unigroup	68	+7	...	...	...
1349	989	Unilever	1034	...	21.3	2.6	14.1
8112½	6025	Unilever (NV)	7137½	...	...	3.0	10.4
810	513	VSEL	790 †	+17	...	4.6	8.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	150	-1	...	1.3	...
387	243	Vicraulic	251	...	...	3.0	12.4
380	283	Vinten	380	+2	...	2.3	17.7
604	427	Vosper Thorny	572 †	+2	...	3.5	13.9
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	368	Wagon Ind	369	...	17.3	6.0	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	81	...	3.1	4.8	20.7
258	201	Wassall	246	...	2.5	1.3	24.8
36½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34½	...	...	...	...
337½	291	Weir	324	+7	...	2.3	18.3
993	658	Wellcome	688	-9	13.0	2.4	19.0
23½	22	Wellman	22 †	...	0.9	5.1	∞
300	260	West Hldncare	295½	+1	...	1.6	19.0
508	460	Whatman	508	...	9.5	2.3	17.2
353	267	Whessoe	336 †	...	...	3.0	13.0
10½	4	Whesy	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	22	Whitecroft	49	-2	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7 #	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	90	...	3.5	4.9	26.3
365	299½	Williams Hldg	330	...	12.5	4.7	17.3
31½	17	Wisham	30½	...	0.4	1.7	25.1
661	333	Wolseley	625	+2	12.5	2.5	21.7
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1999½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1800	-25	...	3.5	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2162½	...	...	3.2	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	40	...	...	4.4	...
148	118	Bradstock	142	+1	5.1	4.5	17.3
498	359½	Britannic	485 ‡	-5	...	2.9	...
641	556	Com Union	604	+3	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	EAI	27	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	603	+5	26.7	5.5	...
195	160	GRE	193	+3	7.0	4.5	16.0
370	293	Heath, C E	338 †	+3	16.0	5.9	∞
230	168	Hogg Gp	220	+2	8.1	4.6	20.0
210	164	JIB Group	210	+2	7.5	4.5	21.3
475	408½	Legal & Gen	475	+1	...	5.0	28.9
1026	368	Liberty Life	942	-13	...	3.1	16.5
465	408	Lloyds Abbey	439	...	17.3	4.9	15.8
313	253	Lloyd Thomp	301	...	5.6	2.3	22.2
368	274	Londn & Man	336	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
379	321	Lowndes Lmb	379	+6	12.6	4.2	15.1
6749½	5600	Marsh McLn	5825	...	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	83	-1	...	7.5	∞
68	50½	PWS	63	...	4.0	7.9	9.1
342	282½	Prudential	341	+2	...	4.4	22.6
1138	800	Refuge	1035	...	31.3	3.7	39.2
319	248	Royal	304 †	+6	...	2.7	...
200	153	Sedgwick	199	+1	6.0	3.8	34.0
261	205	Steel Burrill	247	...	...	6.7	14.6
87	48	Stange Hldgs	63	...	...	8.2	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	356	+2	14.2	5.0	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	273	...	12.0	5.5	25.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	710	...	14.5	2.6	30.9
224	171	Willis Corroon	221	+2	...	3.7	41.5
20	13½	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1699	+6	45.0	3.3	37.2
260	226½	Amer Trust	239	+1	4.9	2.6	49.6
363	304	Ang & O'seas	355	+1	6.8	2.4	45.1
138½	124	BZW Conv	138½	+1	7.8	7.1	16.0
162	135½	Bankers	161	+1	3.4	2.7	44.0
298	264	Baring Tribute	286	+3	6.4	2.8	45.2
170	131	Berry Starq	170	...	2.2	1.6	55.3
100½	96½	Br Assets	101½	+½	...	5.3	24.8
73½	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	...	0.8	1.5	74.1
23	14	-do- Wnts	23	+½	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168 †	...	4.5	3.3	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	160	-1	2.4	1.9	53.2
195	146	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	6.1
260	195	-do- Cap	298	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	66	-1	8.4	15.9	7.3
71	35	-do- Eng Intl	69	...	1.2	2.2	...
120	86	-do- Far East	119	-2	0.6	0.7	...
120	95	-do- Korea	120 †	+1	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	580	+2	25.4	5.5	26.7
611	515	-do- Wrde	599	+5	9.5	2.0	61.7
270	220	Dundee & Lon	267	+1	12.0	...	24.4
51	44	EFM Inc Tst	44 †	...	4.8	13.8	∞
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	53	+½	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	273	+3	8.4	3.8	28.9
251	183	Electra Inv	251	+2	6.7	3.4	33.8
170	141	Electric Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	∞
98	85	English Scot	98	+1	...	...	...
253	205	European Assd	246	...	...	3.0	30.0
104	77	Fnsbury 'A'	104	+1	3.0	3.6	33.5
330	248	Fleming Amer	268	+½	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	200 †	+1	...	3.3	39.4
267	212	Do Contl	267 †	+2	2.7	1.3	∞
184	147	-do- Emrg	184	...	4.5	3.1	41.3
301	213	-do- F East	301 †	+6	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	97	-do- Hi Inc	97½	+½	...	5.6	16.7
231	136	-do- Japan	229	+6	0.3	0.2	...
271	249	-do- Merc	266 †	+1	6.7	3.1	26.9
253	212	-do- Oseas	251	+2	4.0	2.0	60.4
232	209	Foreign & Col	232	+1½	3.3	1.8	63.2
210	164	-do- Eurost	192½	+½	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	99	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	276	+4	1.8	0.8	...
149½	116	-do- Smaller	149½	+½	1.8	1.5	∞
233	145	GT Japan	228	+4	...	0.6	...
138	65	Genl Cons Cap	136	+1	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	129	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	288	+3	0.9	0.4	...
259	207	-do- Strategy	259	+2	...	3.3	35.8
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	130	+½	5.1	4.9	26.1
94	77	I&S UK Smllr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
183	159½	Kleinwort Chrt	175 †	+1	5.0	3.6	34.1
208	176	-do- O'seas	207	+1	3.5	2.0	58.8
127	108	-do- Smllr	127	...	4.0	3.9	30.8
603	540	Law Debenture	602	-1	18.2	3.8	30.1
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	83.9
240	221	Marathons	239½	+1½	10.6	5.5	22.3
5305½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5305½	+118½	...	...	...
440	393	Monks Inv Tst	433	-2	6.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Mony Gren Inc	121	-1	...	4.8	24.0
37	23	Do Warrants	35	-1	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	...	0.1	0.4	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	9½	-½	...	...	...
315	262	Murray Income	309 †	...	...	4.3	29.4
370	265	-do- Intl	300 †	...	11.4	4.8	27.0
324	263	-do- Small	324	+2	4.0	1.5	69.8
105	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
102	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	145½	...	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	269	+1	...	4.8	21.2
77	59½	New Frontier	77	+1	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nuthrog Inc	78 †	...	8.7	10.8	∞
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	294	+2	5.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	379	+5	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	281	+5	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8150	+25	...	2.5	40.7
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	142 †	-3	1.1	1.0	...
123	108	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	330	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	348	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
243	214	St Andrew Inv	243	...	7.5	3.9	32.7
148½	131	Scot American	145½	-1	4.3	3.7	30.8
209	136	Scott Asian	207	+1	...	...	...
418	225	do Warrants	418	+8	...	...	...
73	67½	-do- Eastern	72	+½	1.5	2.6	47.3
204	183	Scottish	203 †	+1	4.6	2.8	42.1
202	178	-do- Mrge	195	-1½	4.0	2.6	50.6
85½	71	-do- Value	80½	...	...	2.7	59.3
1503	1360	Second Allnce	1503	+8	36.5	3.0	40.4
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	+½	3.2	4.9	27.6
132	109½	Selective Asset	132	...	1.2	1.1	47.5
24	14	Sphere Inv	21	+½	3.1	16.7	7.5
145	112	TR Far East	145	+2	4.5	3.9	31.8
148½	126	TR City Of Lon	138½	...	4.7	4.3	29.1
153	110	TR Pacific	153	+5	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26½	+½	0.9	4.2	...
69	47	TR Tech Inv	66	+½	1.7	3.3	32.7
179	146	TR Smlr Cos	178	+½	3.7	2.6	52.1
315	283	Temple Bar	309	...	13.2	5.4	23.3
91	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	90	-2	0.5	0.7	...
70	54	Throgmorton	70	+½	2.3	4.1	28.6
455	363	Throg Dual Cp	455	+2	...	...	...
200	178	USDC Invest	200	+1	4.5	2.8	36.8
102	76½	Value Inc Tst	101	+1	3.6	4.5	25.4
608	542	Whitbread Inv	596 †	...	16.5	3.5	35.0
197	181	Witan	197	+2	5.6	3.6	34.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	334	+6	7.2	2.7	11.8
60	42	Ald Leis	60	...	4.7	...	17.2
331	194	Anglia TV	317	...	...	3.7	14.7
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	228	...	10.0	5.5	14.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1105	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV▲	142	-2	...	2.4	18.6
10½	4½	Brent Walker	10	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	7½	...	...	...	...
292	113	Campari	113	...	...	13.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	175	...	5.2	3.8	20.2
818	718	Carlton Comm	783	+2	17.0	2.7	21.9
200	158	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
1960	1615	Central TV	1958	...	38.0	2.4	21.3
83	61	Chrysalis	66	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	510	+1	...	3.2	15.3
350	197	Eurocamp	227	+4	9.7	5.4	9.4
1190	710	Euro Disney	810	+15	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	23	...	...	...	...
350	245	Fairline Boats	285 †	...	10.5	5.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	354	-3	6.1	2.2	24.4
515	298	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	26.0
213	149	Grampian	213	...	6.1	3.6	∞
6	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
57	19	HTV Group	56	...	...	...	24.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	50 †	...	...	5.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	375	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	422	...	18.0	5.3	14.5
148	90½	Owners Abrd	98	-1	3.5	4.5	7.9
60	33	The Pelican Gp	59	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	123	...	...	2.8	14.0
41	16	Quadrant Grp	17	-1	...	...	...
318	281	Radio Clyde▲	281 †	...	...	3.8	22.0
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	...	...	2.0	21.9
505	431	Scot TV	499	...	9.9	2.5	24.6
60	38	Southern Radio	38 †	-1	0.7	2.6	15.8
219	168	Stanley Leisure	212	+1	...	2.5	17.9
11	5½	Sunleigh▲	9	...	...	...	...
145	125	Sunset & Vine	128	...	3.5	3.4	14.9
430	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	197	...	2.5	1.6	3.8
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	105	-2	...	...	3.4
78	44	Trans World▲	65	-1	...	1.5	23.7
459	274	Ulster TV	459	...	10.0	2.7	14.1
22	13½	Wembley	18½	+½	0.2	1.5	...
36	7½	Whitegate	34	-1	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	185	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
113	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4625	1800	Am Gold	4625	+175	...	4.5	22.2
1487½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1487½	+25	...	6.2	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1975	+12½	...	3.6	∞
22	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	22	+2	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	107	+5	...	5.7	5.9
41	18	Bracken	35	+6	...	...	20.0
710	233	Buffels	686	+24	...	5.7	17.0
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	586	+2	...	3.6	∞
43½	11	Cluff Res	34	+1	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1112½	...	...	4.3	15.0
138	37½	Deelkraal	133	+3	...	4.5	7.3
87	7	Doornfontein	84	+16	...	...	...
867	368	Driefontein	858	+26	...	3.9	15.7
618	120	Durban	602	+12	...	...	...
139	47	E Rand Gold	139	+16	...	8.4	3.9
162	62	E Daggs	144	+2	...	...	12.0
270	54	E Rand Prop	251	+6	...	...	...
481	117	Elandsrand	481	+29	...	2.5	11.3
724	292	ES Cons	724	+36	...	7.0	8.6
45	8	FS Dev	45	+5	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1406	+31	...	2.9	22.1
168	125	Gencor	164	-2	...	6.0	12.7
69½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	54	...	...	2.5	13.3
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19	...	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	143	+6	...	7.2	8.5
360	78	Harmony	328	+17	...	...	...
434	87	Hartles	371	+13	...	5.3	...
14	8½	Inocon▲	11½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	908	...	...	...	20.4
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	8½	...	...	...	...
837	352	Kinross	837	+18	...	6.0	9.2
845	319	Kloof	845	+14	...	2.1	14.2
99	25	Leslie	99	+6	...	4.2	9.9
124	13	Loraine	124	+6	...	...	...
138	82½	MIM	84½	+2	...	2.7	38.4
1107	830	Minorco	1082	-1	...	3.5	12.8
125½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	121	-1	...	4.1	∞
1862½	610	Orange Free	1862½	+87½	...	7.0	14.2
700	607	RTZ	674 †	+8	...	3.9	25.3
592½	425	Rand Mines	556½	-6½	...	10.6	2.5
527	150	Randfontein	527	+21	...	3.3	8.0
192	115	Renison	168	+2	...	2.7	16.3
1300	850	Rustenburg	1087½	-25	...	4.2	17.0
585	191	St Helena	510	+20	...	4.7	10.5
1615	475	Southvaal	1615	+55	...	3.6	27.9
84	18	Stilfontein	84	...	...	7.6	14.5
201	58	Unisel	171	+2	...	1.8	16.6
4987½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4987½	+262½	...	4.4	8.5
500	154	Welkom	485	+25	...	7.0	14.3
218	26	Western Areas	218	+19	...	...	...
1937½	587½	Western Deep	1937½	+84½	...	3.2	8.9
263	176	Wstrn Mining	253	+2	...	...	...
793	323	Winkels	786	-7	...	1.3	6.4
94	56	Zambia Copper	66	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	+5	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
343	233	Abbey Panels	241	+5	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118 †	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
130	82	Appleyard	129	...	5.2	5.0	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	268	+3	...	4.1	13.7
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	395	+7	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	308 †	...	11.5	4.7	62.3
9½	4½	Coverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	25	...	...	...	...
240	156	Cowie (T)	239	...	6.2	3.3	18.2
110	86	Dag Motors	101	-1	5.7	6.9	18.8
142	102½	Davport Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	236	...	2.0	1.1	...
117	92	European Mtr	115	...	3.5	3.9	∞
321	208	Evans Halshaw	321	...	11.2	4.4	49.5
290	226	FR Group	272	...	...	3.3	12.7
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3443½	+6½	...	...	...
2568½	2147½	General Mtr	2918½	-12½	...	1.7	...
59	38	Gowrings	59	...	2.0	4.3	...
180	85	Henlys	180	+2	3.0	2.1	...
875	650	Honda Motor	809	...	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	94	+1	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	146	+3	...	2.9	26.1
379	281	Lex Service	379	...	...	3.5	20.7
136	85	Lookers	135	...	6.2	3.8	...
152	126	Lucas	137	+2½	7.0	6.4	...
274½	226½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	193	...	6.0	3.9	...
165	108	Quicks Group	165	-3	...	3.4	21.1
153	99	Rolls-Royce	143½	-½	...	4.4	...
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	193 †	...	...	3.6	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
189	121	Westland	189 †	+4	4.2	2.8	16.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	328	...	13.5	5.1	∞
608	433	Blenheim Gp	425	...	...	2.6	15.8
370	225	Bristol	345 †	...	11.7	4.3	∞
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101½	+100	13.0	1.6	22.9
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101½	-75	13.0	1.6	22.8
305	251	Dorling Kind	295	+2	...	1.3	28.2
375	328	EMAP	365 †	-1	...	2.7	22.1
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1063	...	29.5	3.5	23.9
237	170	Harrington K	217 †	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	223	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
405	220	Headline	403	...	5.0	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counties	120	...	6.0	6.3	∞
12½	3	Intl Bus Comm	11	-½	...	...	15.9
9	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
547	395	Johnstone Press	547	+2	6.2	1.4	23.7
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
164	89	Mirror Gp	159	-1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	338	-3	...	0.3	22.7
240	169	News Intl	214	...	...	0.6	14.8
480	354	Pearson	480	+1	...	3.1	29.3
675	510	Portsmth Sund	668 †	...	9.4	1.8	∞
686	519	Reed Intl	672	+3	...	3.2	29.3
148	98	Southnews	145 †	...	...	1.8	26.8
137	60	Sterling Pub▲	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	395	...	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	800	+5	29.4	4.0	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	373	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	34	Unit Group▲	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspaper	595	...	...	4.6	16.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Ptl▲	17½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Amo Energy	32	+½	...	...	31.2
61	40	Arcon Inds	43	...	...	...	...
68	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	68	+2	...	...	...
70	26	Aviva Pet	70	+1	...	...	...
18	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	164	...	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	276	British Gas	299½	+1	14.2	5.9	14.5
326	225	Br Petroleum	303½	-2	10.5	4.3	47.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	720	+3½	...	4.4	16.8
16	5	Cairn Energy	11	...	...	...	8.7
268	223	Calor Gp	236	...	...	6.4	19.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	58	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	29	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	19	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	484	...	16.0	4.1	59.7
58	47	Exp Co Louis	49	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	34½	...	...	2.2	9.3
67	45	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.0
44	18	Gt Western Res	44	...	...	...	...
169	108	Hardy O & G	162 †	+2	1.0	0.8	∞
46	18½	Kelt Energy	43	+1½	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	159	...	3.3	2.6	32.2
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res▲	17	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	44½	...	...	...	72.1
9½	6	New London	7	...	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
35	27	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrox	12	...	...	...	...
125	99	Pict Pet	124	-1	...	...	17.2
29½	18	Premier	29½	...	...	...	9.5
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
301	290	Ranger	353	+8	...	4.5	...
6350	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6150	-62½	...	5.2	14.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4500	...	...	1.7	...
67	47	Seafield	57	-2	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	641	-½	21.0	4.3	19.4
202	182	Sunrise Eng Sv	183	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo▲	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.0
13	6½	Villers Grp	12½	...	...	...	...
172	142	Woodside	142	-3	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	184	+1	...	4.4	18.1
505	408	Abbott Mead	503	...	9.3	2.3	26.1
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Argis Gp	36	...	...	4.8	...
212	155	Aspen Comm▲	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
358	234½	Bemrose	358	+1	...	4.1	14.7
33	12½	Birkdale	12½	-½	0.2	2.0	10.0
138	118	Bunzl	129	+1	4.0	3.9	19.5
287	257	CIA Gp	277	...	...	2.0	17.5
252	90	Capital Inds	221	-1	...	1.8	21.1
56	44	City of Lon▲	55 †	...	...	8.0	∞
236	160	Cropper (James)	236	...	3.1	1.7	∞
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	81 †	...	1.6	2.6	∞
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	20.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	55	...	...	...	14.2
15½	12½	Elswick	13 †	...	0.3	2.9	∞
73	41	Fairway Group▲	72	...	...	3.5	21.2
323	271	Ferguson Ind	312	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.1
124	74	Filofax▲	115	-1	...	1.4	∞
20	14	Fitch	14	...	...	...	...
100	80	Gibbon Lyons▲	87	...	...	7.2	17.1
295	247	Gold Greenless	285	...	...	3.6	23.1
41	20	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
88	43	Huntersprint	67	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interetrope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	246 †	+1	4.7	2.4	∞
32	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
291	175	Morr O'Ferrall	291	...	17.2	5.7	∞
93	48	MS&C Group	91	...	2.0	2.7	∞
118	66	Osborne & Little	114 †	...	...	5.0	12.5
517	455	Portals	460	...	...	3.9	15.2
266	167	Quarto	264	...	5.5	2.3	15.5
347	310	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	173	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	456	+9	...	8.0	∞
30	11½	Serif▲	28	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	32	...	...	...	...
359	294	Smith David	357	-2	9.5	3.3	15.8
295	226	Smurfit (Jeff)	226	-3	...	3.5	14.1
246	183	Scot-Plus	240	...	8.0	4.2	∞
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.2
86	38	VTR▲	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
90	40	WPP	87	+1	...	1.4	...
141	62	Ware	141	+1	...	2.0	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	219	...	7.9	4.5	16.5
720	540	Watmough	720	+1	11.5	2.0	29.1
7	4½	Westport▲	6½	...	...	...	...
32	12	Whitney Mcka	31	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	75 †	+3	...	2.1	16.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	74	-1	1.5	0.8	61.0
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	89	...	2.1	2.9	9.4
139	88	Arndale	137	...	4.0	3.6	19.2
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2375	-50	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	585	...	18.0	4.0	21.1
55	23	Bourne End	56	...	1.0	2.3	...
213	150	Bradford	198 †	+4	5.4	3.4	∞
23	12	Brodera	12	-1	...	...	1.1
335	166½	Br Land	325	+2	...	2.7	30.0
206	140½	Brixton	183	-1	...	5.7	14.5
72½	42	Burford	70 †	...	...	2.1	...
156	69	Cap & Regnla▲	152	...	...	0.9	∞
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	166	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	0.3	...	5.1
39	10	Clayform	34½	+½	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rblat GS	45	+1	...	1.4	...
1125	818	Daejan	1125	...	25.0	2.8	17.5
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
95	53	Debenhm Twsn	93	...	2.5	3.4	33.8
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	140	...	3.0	2.7	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	488	...	8.6	2.2	60.8
55	25	Dwyer	54	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22.0
27	7½	Estates Gen	15½	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	170	...	4.1	3.1	16.1
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
54	30	Fletcher King	54	+1	1.0	2.3	∞
436	285	Frogmore	397	...	...	4.9	22.4
200	97	Grainger	195	-5	5.2	3.4	43.1
205	120	Gt Portland	182 †	...	...	6.9	16.9
26½	7½	Greycoat	20½	...	5.2	...	...
145	101	HK Land	140	+1	...	4.7	∞
75	35	Hambro Cnryw	61	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	327 †	+1	10.0	3.8	33.1
353	245	-do- 'A'	298 †	+2	10.0	4.2	30.2
223	127	Helical Bar	223	...	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	71	...	3.7	6.6	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
597	435	Land Sec	588	+2	22.8	4.9	17.7
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	95	+1	3.8	5.1	14.8
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	398 †	+6	...	6.3	17.1
9	5	McInerney A	5	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	125	...	6.7	...	30.5
7½	3	Markheath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	44	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	20	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1075	...	20.0	2.4	∞
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olive Hldgs	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.3
151	88	PSIT	127	...	3.7	3.7	25.3
211	138	Peel	208	...	3.0	1.8	...
16	8	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	1.1
41	22	Property Trust	32	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	18	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	∞
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32	...	0.6	2.3	24.4
78	30	Savills	60	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	74	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	203	+2	...	5.0	14.2
82	56	Southend Prop	65	-1	4.1	8.0	32.8
28	16	Stanhope Prps▲	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	173	...	3.0	1.4	43.9
116	79	Town Centre	107	...	3.1	3.6	20.0
72	43	Trafford Park	67	-1	2.5	4.8	18.1
32	8	UK Land	30	+5	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	220	...	10.5	6.0	20.1
202	168	Warnford	195	...	7.5	4.9	∞
8	3½	Waterglade	3½	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	61	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	155	...	...	2.1	34.2
500	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	75	Pittards	75	-1	2.0	3.3	21.4
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
160	89	Stylo	158	...	...	2.4	59.3
55	53	UK Safety	53	-1	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
495	408	Allied Text	493	...	12.6	3.2	15.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	∞
22	15	Chanwell▲	22	...	0.4	2.3	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	30.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	539	...	13.6	3.2	14.8
57½	34½	Cupid▲	39	...	...	...	...
248½	208	Dawson	209 †	+1	...	5.4	15.9
30	22	Drummond	27	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	31	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	68	...	...	9.4	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	183	...	4.0	2.8	∞
50	45	Jerome (S)	50	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	349 †	...	12.0	4.3	23.1
506	353½	Leeds	477	+1	...	1.9	23.0
42	15	Lister	36	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	4.9	7.7	9.1
180	99	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
139	69	Parkland 'A'	139	+2	2.0	1.8	...
102½	82	Readicut	95 †	...	3.4	4.5	∞
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	89	...	5.1	7.2	15.6
70	44	Stirling Gp	64	...	1.8	3.7	∞
51	40	Stoddard	40	...	1.5	4.8	∞
312	250	Tomkinsons	296	+1	11.5	4.9	25.5
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
417	252	Yorklyde	381	...	10.4	3.4	12.5

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	428½	-½	...	5.4	16.1
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	704	-12	...	2.1	14.7

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	419	...	...	2.5	...
813	708½	BAA	731 †	+18	...	2.7	19.5
312	249	Br Airways	308 †	+½	...	4.3	16.8
106	36	Clarkson (H)	87 †	-1	1.5	2.2	...
28	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	400	-5	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.0	13.2
160	126	Graig	155 †	...	...	0.8	∞
192	147	IoM Steam	192	+3	...	5.2	10.1
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	31	-1	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2150	...	4.5	0.3	11.7
349	280	Mersey Docks	342	...	7.5	2.7	21.9
210	181	Natl Express	202	...	...	4.4	14.5
284	238	NFC	247	+1	6.5	3.3	18.6
302	244	Ocean Group	291	...	...	6.2	34.2
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60 †	...	4.0	8.3	10.9
648	504	P & O Dfd	625	+2	...	6.1	33.4
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	+1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	534 †	...	...	5.3	20.7
140	117	Seacon▲	136	...	...	4.7	8.6
139	112	Stagecoach	131	...	...	3.6	16.6
43	34	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	50½	+½	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723	...	11.8	2.0	27.7
382	173	Tiphook	332	-4	17.3	6.5	0.6
298	230	TDG	230	...	9.5	5.2	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	478	-1	...	5.7	9.4
653	547	Northumbrian	549 †	...	...	5.1	5.8
533	431½	North West	471 †	...	...	5.7	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	462 †	+1	...	5.7	6.8
554	434	Sthrn Water	478 †	-1	...	5.6	7.5
1390	1225	Sth Staffs	1305 †	...	47.0	4.5	∞
569	465	South West	491 †	-2	...	6.0	8.1
563	454	Thames Water	488 †	-2	...	5.6	6.8
612	506	Welsh Water	574	-3	21.4	4.7	6.8
649	536	Wessex Water	566 †	-2	...	4.7	8.0
590	473½	Yorkshire W	493 †	+1	...	5.4	8.4

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100 †	...	12.50	...
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.64
106	101	Treas 13½% 1993	100	...	13.32	5.52
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101xd	...	8.36	5.63
110	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.70	5.52
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.69	5.52
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.62	5.62
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	-	11.62	5.71
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.80
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	5.80
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.12	5.30
107	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.50	6.08
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.17	6.24
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.91	6.45
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+	12.49	6.57
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.32	6.61
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	+	9.11	6.68
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	+	11.07	6.88
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	+	9.41	6.84
106	103	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	+	8.21	6.86
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	+	11.65	7.12
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	+	8.83	7.03
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	+	7.15	6.87
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	+	6.79	6.88
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	+	11.07	7.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	135	+	11.45	7.26
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	120	+	9.99	7.36
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+	8.63	7.24
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	+	10.04	7.43
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.13	7.30
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	+	8.95	7.35
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	108	+	8.27	7.29
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.11	7.67
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.80	7.61
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	+	8.63	7.74
105	97	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.81	7.64
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	115	+	8.69	7.80
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	+	9.54	7.88
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+	4.79	7.04
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	111	+	8.50	7.89
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	111	+	8.49	7.91
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	+	9.61	8.14
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	+	7.94	7.91
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	+	9.49	8.10
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.14	7.96
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	+	9.81	8.15

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	108	+	8.28	7.99
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	99	+	8.02	8.02
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	108	+	8.27	8.06
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	108	+	8.27	8.08
77	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	+	7.13	7.82
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	+	8.03	8.00
99	93	Treas 8% 2015	99	+	8.07	8.09
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	135	+	8.84	8.32
106	97	Treas 9½% 2017	106	+	8.25	8.14

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
42	38	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.27	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	30	-	8.25	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	1.25
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	+	2.03	2.86
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	+	3.38	3.00
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.91	3.27
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	3.00	3.30
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	+	3.09	3.38
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	169	-	3.11	3.34
156	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	155	-	3.27	3.48
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	-	3.34	3.52
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	-	3.39	3.56
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	-	3.45	3.61
139	126	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133	-	3.51	3.65
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	-	3.52	3.65
111	102	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111	-	3.52	3.65

Source: Finstat

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Centec taking the flexible approach

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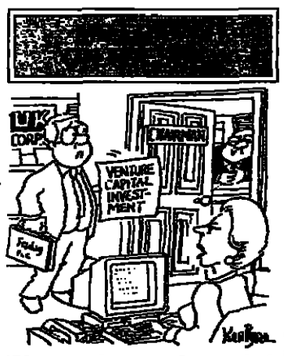

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Landladies serve B&B guide

BY CHRIS BROWNE

QUESTIONS from their bed-and-breakfast visitors led two Colchester housewives to a new business. Rosie Lumb and Sue Opperman found that visitors they took in often asked for advice on guest-houses to use elsewhere in Britain.

Mrs Lumb and Mrs Opperman realised there was a market for a national network of accommodation, and decided to publish a brochure. After buying a word processor for £500, they wrote asking 250 guest-houses to pay £25 to be in a national guide. They received 180 cheques, a 72 per cent success rate.

The guide had a county-by-county list, with a description of each guest-house and names, telephone numbers and prices. Some properties were shown in photographs.

The guide, *Bed & Breakfast Nationwide*, went to 3,000 travel agents, libraries and tourist agencies. The Post Office allowed a free first mailing.

Mrs Lumb and Mrs Opperman set up an office in the Lumbs' front room, and started acting as middlemen, forming a computerised list of B&B hosts, each paying a small retainer.

That was in summer 1988, and, after a disappointingly uneventful year, the pair brought out a second guide and won Danish Bacon sponsorship. In return, they agreed to supply £25 and £50 bacon vouchers to guest-houses gaining regular business through the guide.

The pair used some sponsorship money to buy a fax, and acted as booking agents for travel firms wishing to place clients. In summer 1990, they hit the jackpot; Brittany Ferries saw a guide and gave them its 1990-91 orders.

The business split into two, one part handling Brittany Ferries business and the other the guest-house network. It took on a part-time employee and associates able to inspect potential clients throughout the country.

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A guide to 250 guest-houses went to 90,000 tourist centres this year, and the register rose to 2,000.

Although Mrs Lumb and Mrs Opperman still like to call their business a "cottage industry", it now covers several countries. However, the pair aim to keep the human touch. "We, our friends and associates," Mrs Lumb said, "like to spend a night in or inspect every B&B guest house in our register and brochure, so we can get to know the hosts personally and see what facilities they have." *BBN, PO Box 2100, Great Bentley, Colchester, Esser (0255 830227)*

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TIM EVAN-COOK

A matter of over-familiar repertoire? Irma Nioradze in *Swan Lake*, of which Kirov Ballet director Oleg Vinogradov says: "I'm bringing what I've been asked to bring"

It wasn't too long ago that a visit by one of Russia's great ballet companies would generate enormous public interest — even among the non-dance-going public — so rare was a sighting of the Bolshoi or the Kirov. Not any more. Today the post-Soviet era of unrestricted travel and free-market currency-chasing means we are spoilt for choice.

This year is offering a remarkable bonanza: in January the Bolshoi staged a five-week season at the Albert Hall; tonight, the 200-strong Kirov (complete with the orchestra of the Maryinsky Theatre) opens a five-week season at the Coliseum. Ten weeks of Russian ballet in total. Do we really have the appetite for it?

Promoters have billed the Coliseum season as the "return of the world's greatest ballet company", a claim far easier to support than the Bolshoi's ludicrous "dance event of the century". In terms of spectacle, though, the Kirov will have to go some way to beat the Moscow company's flashy Albert Hall season, which presented excerpts from three full-length ballets every night, thus allowing dancers to indulge their talent for exhibitionism without worrying about characterisation.

There is a disconcerting familiarity about the two repertoires: *Swan Lake, Romeo and Juliet, La Bayadère, The Sleeping Beauty* and *Le Corsaire*, all offered by both the Kirov and the Bolshoi. So is it a case of too much of the same thing? Not according to Oleg Vinogradov, the Kirov's artistic director, who remains unperturbed by reports that the Coliseum season — with a top ticket price of £65 — is not selling fast.

"The public has not yet *seen* Russian ballet this year because Russian ballet started in St Petersburg and only then did it go to Moscow," Vinogradov says, paying due obeisance to the traditional rivalry of the two Russian cities. "Besides we are bringing mainly original productions, or close to original productions, and the public is going to see not suites, not fragments, but full productions. Above all they will see the style, the culture of our traditional theatre."

Where the Kirov has always scored is in its artistry, not its big leaps (although it has its fair share), and its programme of five full-length ballets should allow audiences to appreciate the more refined St Petersburg approach. The company has changed since its last visit to London in 1990. It is even younger, with an average age of 24 or 25. Some new names have been added, and some well-known ones are absent. Yelena Pankova has gone; the glorious Altynai Asylmuratova (well-known here through her frequent guest appearances with the Royal Ballet) is taking time off to have a baby. Faroukh Ruzimatov, with his Rudolph Valentino bravado reportedly intact, is back in the fold after a brief stint with American Ballet Theatre.

Opening night honours, however, are going to an outsider, the Bolshoi star, Nina Ananiashvili, who will dance Juliet in a royal gala to be attended by the Princess of Wales. This *Romeo and Juliet*, the oldest surviving version of Prokofiev's ballet, was choreographed for the Kirov in 1940 by Leonid Lavrosky. It is unfamiliar to London audiences, although there was a 1954 film starring Ulanova.

The Kirov is rightly seen as the conservator of the 19th-century Russian tradition. Vinogradov, however, is determined to keep expanding the contemporary repertoire; already he has brought in works by Western choreographers such as Balanchine, Robbins, Tudor, Béjart and Petit. He is negotiating for Kylian and even with the Royal Ballet for Ashton's *Tales of Beatrix Potter* "because it's such a beautiful ballet for children". But this is the Kirov British audiences will not see.

"None of our new work is here," the director says. "Because this is up to the impresario to choose. I'm bringing what I've been asked to bring. I wanted to show my latest ballet, Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, but unfortunately it is not included on the tour programme.

"When the public comes to see our new productions they are impressed to the point of a shock. We just premiered the Barber in Germany and the impression was that the audience had gone mad. They stomped their feet and shouted for encores. So I do feel it's a shame we can't show our new productions. The only way to really see the Kirov, to see our new productions, is to see us in St Petersburg."

Vinogradov's own work abroad has been controversial. His record as a choreographer is patchy in the West, while his involvement with the Universal Ballet Academy in Washington has led him to an unlikely alliance with the Moonies, who fund the Academy. "These people have created wonderful conditions where people from all over the world have grants, are taught by Kirov teachers, dance in beautiful classrooms and eat organic food. I don't know any other place in the world like it.

"Never have I had any problems with these people. In all the three years I've been working with the Academy I have not seen a single violation of human rights."

Now 56, the autocratic Vinogradov took over the Kirov in 1977, at a time when it was reeling under the weight of its own stagnation. His campaign to clear the company of its dead wood was met with death threats when he forcibly retired the 60 per cent of its dancers who were of pensionable age.

"My apartment was set on fire, my windows were broken, my car tyres punctured. They attempted to bribe me and my wife was threatened. But that's typical of the kind of mafia that exists in Russia."

Nowadays, the threat is more amorphous, if no less serious: going out of business. "We survive only thanks to touring. This season in Britain will allow us to live for one whole season at home. Normally we spend five or six months a year touring, so from that point of view we are well secure.

"There are many impresarios who are waiting to grab us," boasts Vinogradov. "But we simply cannot meet the demand."

● The Kirov Ballet *opens at the Coliseum (071-836 3161) tonight*

Oleg Vinogradov: Public will see full productions

Bruce's bridges

Christopher Bruce's statements about the future he wants for Rambert Dance Company have cited two European examples of the kind of policy he has in mind. He wants to bridge the gap between classical and contemporary companies by using dancers with a strong ballet technique performing work created in and for our time. One example, Nederlands Dans Theater, is widely travelled, but the **Geneva Ballet** is not as extensively known as it deserves.

Eleven years ago it was booked for the Edinburgh Festival with Oscar Araiz's spectacular production based on the history and culture of the Argentine tango, but the Falklands war put paid to that. Gradimir Pankov, who took over as director four years ago, introduced the present eclectic policy, bringing in choreographers including Bruce, Jiri Kylian and several others with high reputations.

Bruce's *Rooster*, now the hit production of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's repertoire, was created in Geneva, and his latest work for the Grand Theatre, *Kingdom*, also deserves extensive exposure. Its starting point was a visit by the composer Barry Guy to the Max Ernst exhibition at the Tate Gallery two years ago, when he was especially affected by the painting *Europe After the Rain*, with four great masses of torturously baroque ruins inviting the spectator to wonder what calamity had caused them.

Elements in the picture inspired Guy in writing a work commissioned by the City of London Sinfonia, which he made in four continuous sections echoing Ernst's use of old forms and named *After the Rain*. This in turn led Bruce in the making of *Kingdom*, with a strong influence also from destructive happenings in the world today, especially in the area that was Yugoslavia.

The setting by the choreographer's wife Marian Bruce effectively echoes Ernst's painting in a three-dimensional structure with figures hidden among its rocks and ruins. These provide a community among which three characters stand out.

A man (Lucas Crandall) acts like an animal tamer to subdue a younger being (Giorgio Mancini) who might be either an animal or a wild boy. Later he meets a woman (Didy Veldman) who may be the queen of this strange realm, but exactly who tames whom in their relationship is more ambiguous.

The violence, anger and loss in our world today provide Bruce's vivid imagery, yet curiously in other respects I could imagine this work in the context of Ballet Rambert's peak period 20 to 25 years ago, when Bruce was beginning his choreographic career, and even visualise the cast it would have had.

The wild creature would then have been Bruce's own role, and Giorgio Mancini, who plays it, actually looks surprisingly like the young Bruce. That he lives up to the inevitable demanding comparison, and that the rest of the cast matches him, is an indication of the high standard of the company.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Divided they sit, united they fall

Lord Rix's noisy departure is only one of the Arts Council's pressing problems, writes **Alison Roberts**

Next week's Arts Council gathering promises to be a cracker of a meeting, far spicier than the normal monthly exercise. The agenda landing on council members' desks shortly before the July 7 meeting is bursting with controversy. There is the very future of a number of arts organisations to be decided, not to mention that of the Arts Council itself — plus the results of several client appraisals to be digested, notably those of the Poetry Society, English National Opera and the Sheffield Crucible.

But the fly-on-the-wall may be more interested in the internal politics of the council itself. The 14 members, who will sit around a table in the council's Great Peter Street headquarters, are disaffected to different degrees. But all have the recent resignation of Lord Rix in mind. He left, famously, in a blaze of bitter, scatalogical invective.

Now at least one more member of the council is considering her position. About two-thirds are privately in agreement with Rix. They think that the council is badly treated by a government whose reiterations of the arm's-length principle do not ring true. The prodigious turnover of ministers responsible for the arts has not helped: the arts funding system is clogged with paper proposals for massive reforms ordered by different ministers.

Peter Brooke, heritage secretary, who now presides over the latest and largest such review, by the consultants Price Waterhouse, recently referred to the council's malaise. Although his analysis of the council's body politic coincides to a remarkable degree with that of some council members, he obviously draws conclusions from the other side of the funding fence.

"I think most people can tell a healthy organisation and most can tell an unhealthy organisation. If it is unhealthy you undertake to see how that health can be restored," he commented recently.

Brooke was speaking shortly after meeting Rix in private. Presumably the latter was blunt about the Arts Council and its relationship with the DNH, and about the Price Waterhouse report which precipitated his resignation. Certainly Brooke wishes Rix had come to see him before his departure, rather than after.

So on July 7, amid an unusual amount of publicity, the Arts Council will finalise its response to this 125-page document. It is unlikely to be keen on any of the three options offered as bases for staff cuts and restructuring. And Roger Lyons, the general secretary of MSF — the union representing Arts Council staff — wrote to Brooke last week: "we shall resist any programme of compulsory redundancies following on from the working papers."

Brooke, in turn, has recently made it clear that the third and most radical proposal, in effect an abolition of the Arts Council as we know it, is not favoured. The department will make its own decisions about council restructuring before the summer parliamentary recess.

The Arts Council itself has to find a form of words in which to respond to PW's options one and two, containing any feelings of anger at undue interference. The first represents least change, simply tidying up "structural and administrative anomalies". The second is supposed to provide a "clearer focus".

Perhaps the most important change contained within this latter option is the contracting out of the council's touring functions. An outside touring agency would take over responsibility for a national strategy. This would undoubtedly provoke controversy and more resignations within the council.

More heated debate is likely to occur as the council faces the implications of the artistic review. This internal document, another attempt at rationalising the AC's priorities, will form the basis upon which radical funding decisions are taken in the light of next year's proposed £5 million cut in the council's budget. Some organisations will find themselves without a grant after the July 7 meeting, if they are deemed not to meet the fairly vague standards and objectives set by the review.

Who would covet a place at the council's table next week? The decisions are all tough and their results will be desperately unpopular. The Arts Council may well emerge a different body altogether. No wonder it is proving difficult to find a new Arts Council chairman to replace Lord Palumbo, who steps down next year.

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LONDON

KIROV BALLET Returning to London for the first time in three years, the St Petersburg-based company is offering a five-week season that features five full-length ballets, including *Le Corsaire*. The season opens tonight with a royal gala performance of the original Lavrovsky version of *Romeo and Juliet*. (See feature, page 31.)
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

PAOLO CONTE A long-established star in his native Italy, the unusual and engaging singer offers Maurice Chevalier charm and romantic melodies.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO John Eliot Gardiner conducts the English Baroque Soloists and the Monteverdi Choir in a concert performance on period instruments — preparation for another in the conductor's series of live recordings of Mozart's operas. Bryn Terfel sings the title role.
Queen Elizabeth Hall (as above) tonight, Thurs, 7.15pm.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

the Pompidou Centre, this touring exhibition covers his whole career from its inception in 1976 with the Azuma Residence, right up to date.
RIBA, 66 Portland Place, W1 (071-580 5533). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, opens today to July 23.

REGIONAL

BATH The 15-year-old company **London City Ballet** gives its final performances — its closure was announced recently — in Bath, presenting Bon Stevenson's pleasing production of *Romeo and Juliet*.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM Welsh National Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations with a new production of *Eugene Onegin*, produced by Howard Davies and conducted by Carlo Rizzi (tonight, Fri). The touring repertoire also includes a new staging of Donizetti's rarely performed *La favorite*, one of the most popular of the composer's operas in the 19th century (Thurs), and the perennial favourite *La Bohème* (tomorrow, Sat).
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486), eves, 7.15pm.

BRADFORD: Brian Phelan's **Himself**, about an old-time actor taken up by televangelists because he looks so sincere. A poor second half but Timothy West is in splendid voice.
Alhambra, Morley Street (0274 753834). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

MANCHESTER: The **Beijing Jing Ju Opera Troupe** — or ordinarily known as Peking Opera — performs *The Little Phoenix*, a spectacular tale of a woman winning out over men in the time of the warring dynasties.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

NEWCASTLE: One of the great partnerships in British ballet is reunited in Gillian Lynne's *A Simple Man* when Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour take on the roles of the artist L.S. Lowry and his mother (tonight and tomorrow only). The ballet, based on Lowry's life, has been one of the most successful in **Northern Ballet Theatre's** history.
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street (091-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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☐ **ALI** Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 195mins.

■ **THE CHANGELING**: Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 180mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS**, Regina Fong, Kim Criswell, Simon Fanshawe, Lily Savage plus 22 others in poignant yet funny celebration of friends now dead from Aids.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). 839 4488. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm.

☐ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER** Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 190mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **LEONARDO** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical, great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

◩ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER**: Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **TRANSLATIONS**: British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◩ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ◩ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) .. ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443). ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from Society of West End Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **INNOCENT BLOOD** (15): Camp vampire drama from John Landis, derailed by an excess of gloom and gore. With Anne Parillaud.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE OLD LADY WHO WALKED IN THE SEA (18): Tiresome divertissement with Jeanne Moreau as an ageing eccentric with a taste for young men. Director Laurent Heynemann.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody, from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

◆ **BOXING HELENA** (18): Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs.
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UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS** (18): A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut; marvellously acted by Karen-Lise Mynster, Erland Josephson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE TRIAL (12): Harold Pinter's adaptation, directed by David Jones, fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between extrovert waitress Marisa Tomei and reclusive busboy Christian Slater. Tony Bill directs, with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

THEATRE: The second of a planned trio of Chinese companies visiting Britain

Another facet, equally glittering

Ripples Across Stagnant Water
Riverside Studios

MENTION the words "Chinese theatre" and up pops an image of bold battles from long ago, glittering costumes and grimacing faces. Just such a show was presented last week by the Peking (or Beijing) Opera in *The Little Phoenix* (in Manchester this week and Norwich in mid-July).

But the organisers of the London International Festival of Theatre have had the excellent idea of also inviting two more recent examples of Chinese entertainment, of a vintage never before exported. The punk-rock singer He Yong, star of Red Noise, appears at the time of writing to be kicking his heels inside China while the authorities decide if his anti-authoritarian stance projects the desired image abroad.

In retrospect it might have been wiser to ensure their arrival before the politically blander Beijing Opera or this work from the Chengdu Theatre Company from Sichuan.

Ripples is described as a contemporary play, and so it is when contrasted with Han Dynasty wars. But the novel on which it is based was written in the 1950s, and the story is set in the years around 1900 — the period associated with what Westerners know as the Boxer Rebellion. The programme does not name it, but this must be what is going on in the background, and perhaps Luo, the heroine's lover and some kind of gang leader, is also a member of this secret society that resisted Europeanisation.

Li Jieren's novel, the first of a triology, tells of Deng, a country girl who longs to live among the bright lights of Chengdu City. She marries a shopkeeper but loves his cousin, and the tangles of their story — there is also a pretty concubine who loves Luo — are woven in with the adventures of Gu (Liang Zhizhong). He is a landlord who adopts Christianity for the sake of the wealth and patronage it appears to offer.

Seeing how the missionary system was regarded by its clients and adversaries gives an extra tang (no pun intended) to Zha Lifang's production. A huge cross is held up in the narrow gap between the rear curtains, representing the opening of China, and a blue cross of material is violently agitated. But it is also fascinating to see the costumes and customs of the time, especially the use made of the pigtail. Luo (played by Fang Tao) wears his looped loosely round the neck, where it serves as a substitute for worry beads.

Some scenes end in a blackout but other changes are signalled by an actor's redefinition, through movement, of the stage around him. When Wu Shanshan's coquettish Deng finishes washing her clothes at the river she tiptoes across the water on invisible stepping stones. Luo follows, but by the time he is half across she has entered her house. So he wheels around, the river becomes hard ground and we have entered the next scene.

Apart from "amen" and "bye-bye" there is *not* an English word spoken, so that many subtleties in this portrait of a decaying society are missed. The banners hanging down beside the canvas-covered ramp and steps also convey *historical facts* to those who can read the script — though even in Chengdu this will not be every member of the audience. Performances are vivid, with much laughing, joshing and, from the young actresses, fluttering use of the "language of the handkerchief." At least the evening ends with Deng at last arriving in Chengdu city. I would really like to know what happens next.

The heroine Deng (Wu Shanshan) catches sight of Luo (Fang Tao)

JEREMY KINGSTON

Stuck indoors with unpleasant company

The Moebius Room
New Grove, NW1

IN A newspaper-strewn room with one blue glass window glowing at the back the twins Gavin and Priscilla are playing The Game. It is a game of storytelling and memory for house-bound schizophrenic psychotics. On the eve of the millennium, the twins act out episodes from their childhood, playing the parts of not only Boy and Girl but also Mr and Mrs.

Their mother apparently spent the twins' formative years locking herself in darkened rooms while their father went round nailing Priscilla's favourite dolls to telegraph poles, terrorising Gavin up in the attic, and hypnotising the family into believing they had spent the week in Scotland.

More seriously, someone has killed Baby, the twins's younger sibling, and there are intimations of incest expressed in sexually explicit terms between the brother and sister and father and daughter. Essentially, this is like watching drama therapy, where the psychologically disturbed re-enact traumatic past events.

If the characters were real here, it would probably feel improper to be an external observer. As it stands, the watcher does not believe it and the piece therefore seems mildy objectionable. Child abuse is a sensitive subject to turn into art, and writer and director Pete Brooks's handling of it is a little gauche.

By part two, it is the year 2003. One thing I *could* fully believe was that two-and-a-half years had passed since the double bill started. Now Priscilla has kidnapped a psychiatrist, who is roped to a chair and spends an hour analysing her neuroses before he gets stabbed with a pair of scissors.

Brooks was a founder of the experimental group Impact. This piece has many parallels with ex-Impact member Graeme Miller's show, *The Desire Paths*, recently on at the Royal Court. Unfortunately, Miller's stagecraft far surpasses that of Brooks. The latter's writing is rather passé and pretentious, holding forth about the end of the Mechanical Age, metaphorisation and the interface between the real and the imaginary.

Gavin and Priscilla, on their flights of fancy, talk about going through the wall. Personally, I was going up it.

Still, the scenes of physical violence are powerful enough to wind you and Jocelyn Pook's music is hauntingly beautiful. Craig Stevens (Gavin) overacts slightly, but Sara Bailes (Priscilla) is utterly immersed in her role, scorchingly caustic and distraught.

KATE BASSETT

SOUL IN THE PARK: **David Toop** at a north London gathering of night owls in the sunshine

Warming up at last

Alexander O'Neal/ Dina Carroll
Alexandra Park

OUTDOOR concerts of indoor music are risky ventures. This is not to say that soul and hip-hop are strictly nocturnal and agoraphobic genres, but the notion of wandering through greenery to hear a lights-down-low seducer such as Alexander O'Neal was certainly different.

By 4.30pm, despite a glorious afternoon of sunshine, the prospects were looking less than inspiring. Fit and feisty, **Monie Love** made grand efforts to connect with an audience who seemed glum for being so sparse. Working with a live band, as opposed to the usual hip-hop practice of using just a DJ and backing tape, she sounded professional and energetic but the response was indifferent.

To be fair, this was not Monie Love's fault. Here was a crowd in search of some old-fashioned soulful romance on a warm summer's night. Belatedly, the slopes of Alexandra Park began to fill. As somebody remarked, rather spitefully, the drive from Romford to north London can take a long time. Mercifully, **Dina Carroll** launched a rescue operation, delivering this event from an ever-threatening orgy of nostalgia for those distant days when soul music and Cortinas were synonymous.

Carroll treated the site as if it were her own living room. This was a shrewd move, the more so for its lack of calculation: this music works best when an audience is swaying in accord, singing the words and feeling at one with itself.

True, the pastiche construction of some songs raised doubts: "You'll Never Know", the first of three ballads sung consecutively, moved uncomfortably close to "Summertime"; "Express" sounded like something that The Temptations might have recorded in the disco era. Carping aside, Carroll's singing matched power with sensitivity and her set raced by pleasurably.

With the evening closing in, **Alexander O'Neal** gave a typically warm-hearted demonstration of his two best assets: juggernaut dance tunes such as "In The Middle" and dreamy ballads, extended into realms of abstract vocal rapture. "A Broken Heart Can Mend", "If You Were Here Tonight", "Sunshine" and "Sentimental" were all interpreted with the passion of a showman still capable of genuine emotion, while "Criticise" transformed the park into a vast nightclub.

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ARCHITECTURE: Could a disused power station be the new home for the Tate's modern art? **Marcus Binney** reports

Bankside fires up for regeneration

Some consider it to be one of London's grimmest eyesores, others the finest power station ever built. English Heritage has three times strongly recommended Bankside for listing. Now the heritage department has issued the 40-year-old structure with a five-year certificate of immunity from listing. In effect, the building can be pulled down tomorrow.

Although many Londoners are unsure where Bankside is (it faces St Paul's Cathedral across the river), interest in redeveloping it is growing rapidly. "It's a building of immense power and drama that the Thames can ill afford to lose," says Paul Drury, head of the London region of English Heritage.

Now a new contender has appeared. The Tate Gallery is seeking a site, or a building, in central London for a major new gallery of modern art. Next week, the Tate's top brass will make a second visit to explore the potential of Bankside, which has not operated as a power station for more than a decade.

Francis Carnwath, the Tate's deputy director, says: "We have to find a site in the next 12 months. Bankside's position is superb and the building marvellous — and not as large as we initially thought."

The Tate needs some 210,000 sq ft, which would bring the cost to between £30 million and £40 million. Where would the Tate hope to find such an astonishing sum? "We would put it forward as one of the five major projects for the Millennium Fund," Carnwath says. The fund will be one of the five beneficiaries of the national lottery. If the lottery takes £1.5 billion a year, Carnwath estimates that this would provide £60 million per annum for five years for the Millennium project.

Nuclear Electric, Bankside's owner, has cleared the building of asbestos and is now preparing to strip out plant and machinery. Southwark Council has zoned Bankside as a major development site, suitable for housing, employment, retail or community purposes, or for a use of London-wide significance. Although the estate agents Hillier Parker will not put Bankside on the market until next spring, Tim Cronin at the borough planning office says: "I'm getting two or three calls a week from people interested in the site."

The attraction of Bankside in cultural terms is that it could form a further link in the growing chain of cultural sites along the Thames, including the Tate itself, the South Bank arts complex, and now Somerset House and the Globe Theatre, through to the Design Museum and Greenwich.

Plenty of people have bright ideas for the power station. The architect Nigel Coates, who has designed the new Institute of Contemporary Arts outstation in Tokyo, says: "Bankside has even more potential than the Gare d'Orsay in Paris. The approach must be avant-garde and radical. It makes me think of the French surrealist playwright Arthaud, who called for aircraft hangars, not horseshoe theatres."

> 'Bankside has even more potential than the Gare d'Orsay in Paris'

Alan Baxter, an engineer specialising in the re-use of historic buildings, says: "It should be thought of as a huge shell for events." And in 1989 the architect Terry Farrell produced a scheme that would have transformed the power station into a national space museum. One way of putting Bankside on the map would be to floodlight it. The man to do this is Simon Bruxner Randall of Imagination, which installed the brilliant coloured lights that illuminate the Lloyd's building at night. He says: "I believe strongly that London should floodlight a broad selection of buildings that represent everyday life, not just churches."

Bankside was designed by Giles Gilbert Scott (1880-1960), architect of Liverpool's great Anglican Cathedral and creator of the famous red telephone box. Thanks to the powerful advocacy of Gavin Stamp he is emerging as a major figure in 20th-century architecture, uninfluenced by the International style.

One of Scott's great missions was to give architectural form to new building types such as the university libraries at Oxford and Cambridge and the Guinness brewery at Park Royal. He was brought in at Bankside precisely because of his experience in building on the Thames, first in creating the silhouette of Battersea power station when he re-designed the famous chimneys, then in rebuilding Waterloo bridge.

Scott's initial scheme for Bankside, dating from 1947, had twin chimneys at either end. The design provoked an outcry, because of its proximity to St Paul's. So he recast the design with all the flues congregating in a single giant campanile — a strong elemental contrast to the rounded shape of the dome of St Paul's.

The result is a building which for sheer soaring mass compares with the visions of Expressionists such as Sant' Elia and Chernikoff. For the architect Piers Gough, Bankside is an essay in brick which compares with any of the great examples in Scandinavia. For the historian Andrew Saint it recalls another icon of the 20th century, the all-brick town hall at Hilversum, in the Netherlands. Stamp sees the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright's Californian period.

Bankside looks dark and brooding because the river front is rarely in the sun, but the upper parts of the building are a virtuoso display of brickwork as intricate as crochet. Scott used setbacks and patterning to produce an Aztec effect, and each projecting brick was protected by a cap of mortar.

For any public use, Bankside has one further asset: an enormous flat roof. "It's a great viewing platform, with a staggering panorama of the city," says Alan Powers of the 20th Century Society.

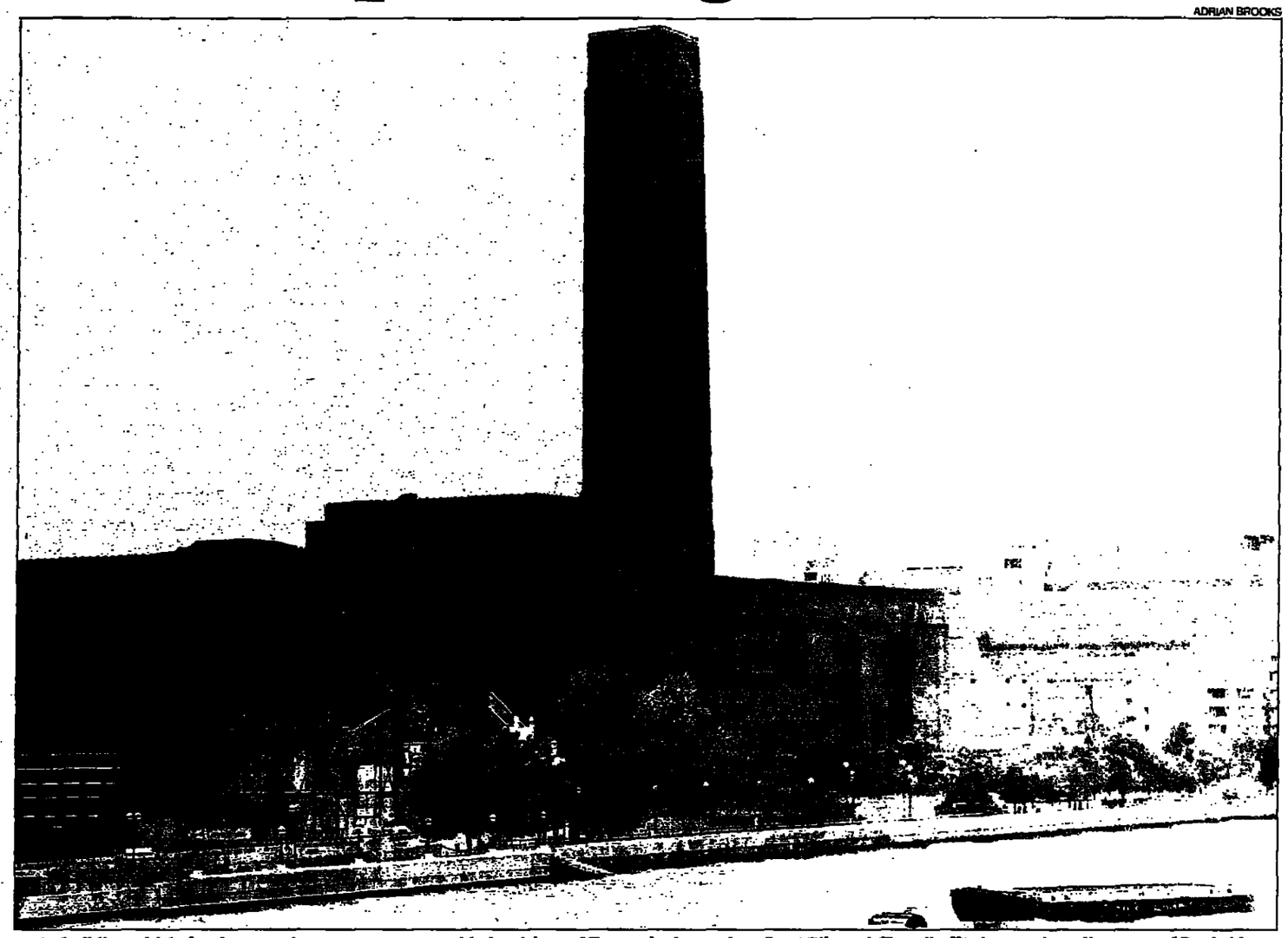
Demolition, though clearly Nuclear Electric's favoured option, may not be so easy. Alan Baxter argues the site could have a negative value. "It's a vast iceberg with four levels below ground. People are only just beginning to realise that these deep basement structures of the past 50 years are extremely expensive to get rid of."

Now that it has the comfort of a certificate of immunity, Nuclear Electric should refrain from demolition until all options have been explored. The certificate may also have implications for Battersea power station, which is Grade II listed. David Cooper, the solicitor who handled the recent sale of Battersea, says the new owners, the Wong family from Hong Kong, stated "they wished to carry out the conversion of the power station as a giant leisure centre". Now they may seek a delisting.

Farrell argues that part of the problem of the South Bank sites lies in the way they were isolated by Victorian railway lines. "They really belong to the north bank, but to make them work, the links across the river must be improved."

For British Rail, he has produced a design for rebuilding Blackfriars station so it will serve both sides of the river. This would bring Bankside within three minutes walk of the station. "What we need is a series of two-minute shuttle trains across the river, Victoria to Battersea, Waterloo to Charing Cross, Bankside to Blackfriars and London Bridge to Monument," Farrell says. "The whole South Bank deserves a Docklands-style initiative to revive it."

ADRIAN BROOKS



"A building which, for sheer soaring mass, compares with the visions of Expressionists such as Sant' Elia and Chernikoff": the vast, brooding mass of Bankside

FESTIVALS: A mixed grill at Aldeburgh; sumptuous Handel is Lufthansa's main course

Listen to the voice of youth

In certain contexts it would be daunting for a young singer to undertake the title role of Monteverdi's *Orfeo* under the direction of one of its greatest exponents.

But when **Anthony Rolfe Johnson** conducted singers from the **Britten-Pears School** in a concert performance of the work in the Maltings at Snape, there was an almost palpable sense of rapport.

Rolfe Johnson is director of singing studies at the school, and with Alastair Ross as assistant conductor he had coached young singers and players on period instruments into a performance as impressive for its dramatic effect as its stylistic integrity.

Directing the proceedings at a fluent, natural pace, Rolfe Johnson empathised with his singers' graceful phrasing, leaning encouragingly towards them as they spun out their long melodic lines.

In Peter Evans he had a star Orpheus in the making. With his engaging, confident address and well-rounded, attractive tone, Evans turned in an admirably assured account of the role, rhythmically alert in "Qual onor", appealingly expressive in the flowing melismas of "Possente spirto", with which Orpheus tries to soften the heart of the stern Stygian ferryman, Charon.

Among a strong supporting cast too long to list, Martin Houtman's noble Apollo and Charlene Pauls's eloquent Proserpina stood out, as did Mhairi Lawson's La Musica, Wanda Procyshyn's Speranza, and Patrick Ringal-Daxhelet's Pluto. For their part, the players of the Britten-Pears Orchestra demonstrated commendable mastery of their instruments.

One complaint: while the decisions to sing in Italian and to present a concert performance are understandable, the failure to provide a translation or even enough light to glance at the synopsis is not. When audiences support ventures such as this, they deserve more consideration.

The **Stockholm Chamber Orchestra** under **Esa-Pekka Salonen** brought a work by the Swedish composer Jan Sandström, the title of which, *Acintyas*, apparently denoted a reference to the oriental doctrine of transcending the world of opposites.

"Transcendental" was not the first word that came to my mind at any rate, as I listened to the rebarbative whining and scraping noises of Sandström's disorientating oscillations, constructed around a core sonority.

One could admire the cohesiveness of the piece, however, and the skilfully maintained momentum through the building, dissipating and rebuilding of tension. *Acintyas* may have had the effect of making one feel queasy, but there is, I suppose, no law preventing the use of music for this purpose.

Besides, there was always Mozart's B flat Piano Concerto K595 to soothe the nerves. Alexei Lubimov's reading was deft and communicative. Salonen drew incisive, alert playing from his ensemble without convincing me that he was yet a natural Mozartian.

Haydn's Symphony No 80 in D minor, with its more extrovert, histrionic manner, fared better, the vigour of the ensemble, enhanced by the responsiveness of the Maltings' acoustic, matching the generally animated mood of the music.

Bartók's lively Divertimento proved an even better vehicle for this talented ensemble: the pizzicato polka near the end was deliciously done.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Lifting the Te Deum

Handel the state composer could be as good a Handel as any. One only has to think, for instance, of the coronation anthems, great pieces that go far beyond mere professionalism. The Dettingen Te Deum and Anthem given on Saturday at St James's, Piccadilly in the Lufthansa Festival as part of the 250th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Dettingen might not be in quite their league, but they have their moments of genuine inspiration.

This performance had added poignancy; the chorus was made from two amateur groups, the Volks-Chor Grosswelzheim and the Liederblüte Dettingen, from the town itself.

True, the Te Deum, particularly, is as triumphalist as the occasion demanded; and with that comes a tiring surfeit of D major and ringing trumpets. But Handel remembered to include moments of a more mystical magnificence, and there are enough subtly expressive passages, often garnished with his own, delicious brand of word-painting, for the danger of tedium to be neatly avoided.

The German choirs, conducted in the Te Deum by **Ivor Bolton** and in the anthem by **Franz-Peter Huber**, took a brave stab at these pieces and (also under Huber's direction) at Purcell's "O sing unto the Lord"; but there was no disguising the lack of definition in their lines, the general weakness of the tenors in particular, and, occasionally, a certain scrappiness in their articulation.

The **St James's Baroque Players** and a team of soloists which included Lorna Anderson, Julia Gooding, Christopher Robson, Martyn Hill, Simon Grant and Michael George coated these efforts with plenty of lustre, life and resonance.

By way of a substantial interlude, Anderson, again with Bolton conducting, sang Handel's solo cantata "Silete venti", firmly setting down her credentials as a Handelian soprano of stature. This was lovely, radiant, intense and stylish singing; one did not want it to cease.

Two nights before, at the festival's other venue, the Wigmore Hall, Bob van Asperen played four keyboard concertos by Bach with the five other musicians of his ensemble, **Melante Amsterdam**. It was a slightly disappointing concert, efficient yet monochromatic. A case for less lazy programme planning, I think.

STEPHEN PETTITT

CONCERTS IN THE NORTH

Callow adds music to words

ONE thing the worlds of theatre and music have in common is a feeling that, if only they could find it, there is some magic link between the stage and the concert hall. The Hallé and Manchester, City of Drama 1994, linked *The Soldier's Tale* with *The Carnival of the Animals* in a thoughtfully presented event which deserved more attention than the public actually gave it.

The platform of the Free Trade Hall had been converted into a small jungle, with soft-toy animals installed between potted trees, some kind of stuffed reptile on the podium, and a caricature cat on one of the two pianos awaiting the soloists Mari and Modo Kodama. Simon Callow was there to read Ogden Nash's verses which, though curiously insensitive to the spirit of the music, represent added value on an occasion like this.

What problems there were resulted from the decision to leave the podium to the reptile: a conductor could have tightened up the timing, bringing the actor and the musicians closer together, and might also have stilled the nerves of one or two of the **Hallé Soloists** (who included a harmonica among their numbers, incidentally, instead of Saint-Saëns's harmonium).

The point was demonstrated by **Kent Nagano's** direction of *The Soldier's Tale*, which was kept under firm and dramatically effective control throughout. Although it wasn't actually "read, played and danced", as Stravinsky and Ramuz indicated it should be, Callow proved resourceful enough to manage just about everything single-handed. In a virtuoso performance of four different parts he ran out of inspiration and fresh accents only when it came to the Princess, who turned out to be another stage Northerner when we thought we had safely crossed the border into Scotland. Of course, the Tango, Waltz and Ragtime really need to be danced but, like Stravinsky's Soldier, we can't have everything.

Callow: one-man band

While the Hallé is looking for a new-style audience for its new-style Promfest, the Blackburn Piano Week is becoming more ambitious, more sophisticated, and more effective at the box office. It revolves round its artistic director **Martin Roscoe**, who has remained attached to his Lancashire roots and who has consequently earned himself a local following to go with his international one.

Roscoe does not, of course, present himself as the star performer, but when he does put in an appearance, as he did when he joined the **Endellion Quartet** in King George's Hall, there is a two-way flow of interest between platform and the auditorium. It creates an atmosphere to inspire the kind of commitment demonstrated by both the pianist and the strings in their uncommonly well-coloured and passionately expressive performance of the Brahms Piano Quintet in F minor.

GERALD LARNER

Sivan Lewin's award-winning portrait: see Kobal story

HOLLYWOOD's strange penchant for planning rival versions of the same subject continues unabated. In recent months, the air has been thick with projected films about Wyatt Earp, Huckleberry Finn and the Three Musketeers. Now comes news of a prospective battle over a far less conventional property: the life and work of Jackson Pollock, the hard-drinking king of Abstract Impressionist painters who died in a car crash in 1956.

Robert De Niro and Barbra Streisand (a volatile pairing, if ever there was one) have the head start: they plan to star as Pollock and his wife Lee Krasner in a film based on Jeff Potter's biography *To a Violent Grave*. Actor Ed Harris is also in the race, with a script based on *Jackson Pollock: An American Saga*, which won a Pultizer Prize for Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith. There are rumours, too, that Al Pacino is sniffing round the painter's life as a possible vehicle for his talents.

Talking a load of Jacksons

● A GRADUATE of the Royal College of Art has won the £3,000 first prize in the first year of the John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award. Sivan Lewin won for a portrait (shown left) of her family, and based on *Las Maninas* by Velázquez. The John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award is an annual event, set up in memory of the archivist and author. This year's competition attracted 2,350 entries from 865 photographers around the world.

Fringe benefits

DESPITE the recession, 571 groups are expected to appear in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this summer, and well over half classify themselves as fully-fledged professionals. If all the expected 12,176 performances take place, this year's Fringe (August 15 to September 4) will be the biggest ever. It may also provide the largest concentration of new plays in the history of theatre: some 262 world and British premieres are scheduled, which should exhaust even the sturdiest theatre critic.

All of which suggests that the competition to attract an audience will be tougher than ever. In this respect, one disturbing statistic is that although the number of Fringe performances virtually doubled in the decade between 1983 and 1992, the average number of tickets sold per performance declined, from 62 to 48. Ticket prices this summer will average £5, though many of the more famous cabaret stars are charging a good deal more, and a hefty £39 is the asking-rate for those wishing to join the UK Bungee Club (Scotland) in its 100mph head-first dives.

● NEVER mind the quality, feel the width. Possibly that is not what the artist John Harper will be telling visitors to his Barbican exhibition this autumn. Nevertheless, the width of his photographic installation *River* is probably what visitors will notice first: it is an astonishing 350ft from end to end. Nor is its 15ft height easily ignored.

The work — probably the largest photomontage ever displayed in Britain — comprises some 6,000 images, and documents Harper's observations of rivers in Cumbria, Yorkshire and Wales over the past ten years. It opens on August 28 at the Concourse Gallery in the Barbican, the only London gallery with a wall long enough to show it as a continuous flow.

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

ALTHOUGH a few critics remained unimpressed, the majority welcomed Philip Osment's new play *The Dearly Beloved* at Hampstead Theatre (071-722 9301). Audience response has been so keen that the run has been extended by nearly two weeks — ending, unusually, on a Friday because the Saturday is needed for work on the next production. Osment writes of the impact caused when a successful television producer returns to his home town in the West Country, and the friends he left behind look ruefully at their own circumscribed lives. The writing is delicate, wry and understanding. Ends Friday.

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In the name of Justice

For many people, the campaigning group is their only resort, says **Lord Alexander of Weedon QC**

Thirty-five years ago Justice, the British human rights and law reform organisation, was described as the "conscience of the legal profession". And, as its 36th annual report published today powerfully demonstrates, this is still the case. Its role in investigating miscarriages of justice is unique. Right now, more than 600 cases are under consideration because there is nobody else to whom those involved can turn. As *The Times* wrote last year, Justice is "the place of last resort".

Through this work the organisation has had a clear perspective from which to argue before the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice. The commission's report next week will be crucial. Some recommendations will need to be formulated in more detail. But urgent and clearly needed reforms should not wait.

Foremost is an urgent need for an independent review body to replace the Home Office's C3 Division, which is responsible for investigating complaints of wrongful conviction. As *The Economist* wrote recently, "C3 starts with the presumption that the conviction is well-founded".

Three of Justice's current cases indicate graphically that C3 is slow, unresponsive and far from user-friendly. Despite repeated requests, we have been waiting for a response to one petition for more than two years. In two others, Justice has been refused access to police statements that appear to contradict the fresh evidence it has submitted.

In one of those cases, the Home Office claims that disclosure is entirely a matter for the police.

However, the police, after discussions with the Home Office, say that they cannot release the documents. A case of Catch-22.

The legitimate barriers to overturning a conviction are inevitably formidable. But the processes should be open.

This closed obstructiveness, so alien to the spirit of more open government and a citizen's charter, should end immediately.

No system of justice is foolproof. The risk of error is always there. Confidence will be enhanced by setting up proper independent investigative machinery. Legislation may be needed to entrench and empower it. Meanwhile, we need an immediate standing tribunal to deal promptly and openly with cases of particular concern where the technical error, the verdict seems unsafe and unsatisfactory. At Justice, we believe that defence errors could be recognised as a distinct ground of appeal. We accept that an error would have to be significant and that guidelines would be needed to prevent frivolous appeals.

Much of the focus of Justice's work is on wrongful conviction. But criminal procedures must also, of course, serve to convict the guilty. Nevertheless, Justice does not support the wholesale removal of the right to silence.

It would be dangerous and oppressive to require suspects to answer questions at police stations. No doubt many suspects would not be intimidated. But it is precisely the most vulnerable who would be most at risk.

By contrast, we believe the defence should disclose the broad outlines of its case, although not evidence or names of witnesses, once the prosecution has made a case for trial and has fully disclosed its evidence.

Disclosure of the nature of the defence would enable the jury to focus on the real issues in dispute. This should both protect the innocent and help to ensure the conviction of the guilty.

Much of Justice's work also lies in the realms of civil law.

Here access to justice is increasingly difficult. In common with the entire legal profession, Justice viewed the recent reduction of legal aid eligibility with alarm. We are realistic and we understand that the government must seek to limit public expenditure. However, it is not enough for the government simply to cut back eligibility so that all those above the level of income support are denied free advice and assistance.

People of very limited means cannot contribute up to a third of their disposable income to legal aid before they can pursue their case. So they are denied access to justice.

The conduct of the law must be as cost-effective as any other service. The vital work of law centres and especially of citizens' advice bureaux, should be integrated into mainstream legal funding.

We also need an urgent drive towards a concerted and constructive approach in simplifying trial procedures. Judges should be able to spearhead the shortening of the trial process.

They should be given any further powers that they need to ensure that a dispute is resolved in a way that limits delay and costs.

Rights without remedies are an illusion. The court-based system must change. Our recent report, "Justice and the Individual", emphasises that it is not "well suited to the needs of a modern democracy whose citizens find the civil judicial process daunting, especially because of its cost". Mediation, conciliation, ombudsman systems for consumer disputes and small claims courts are increasingly necessary ways of resolving disputes.

People who seek justice have problems. But they cannot afford the solutions. Access to justice is a fundamental human right, and will be a major theme for Justice over the next few years.

● *The author is chairman of Justice, which has recently started an appeal for £1.25 million. Donations can be sent to the Appeal Administrator, Justice, 95a Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT.*

Freed: Paul and Wayne Darvell, whose convictions for murder were quashed after Justice took up their case

> 'We need an urgent drive towards a concerted and constructive approach to simplifying trial procedures'

In-fighting is tearing solicitor firms apart

TODAY'S legal scene resembles the plains of the Serengeti during the dry season. The pickings are thin and the animals are fighting among themselves for what little there is.

Although there are some signs of the property market picking up, this has not translated into increased conveyancing revenues for most solicitors. Even such staples as probate work are under threat as the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, opens them up to a whole host of new competitors, who will be able to operate with few of the restrictions affecting solicitors.

As for legal aid work, it is the equivalent of a zebra corpse lying in the Serengeti: there may be something on the carcass, but only the most determined will find it and it is not worth having anyway.

Lack of work has caused solicitors much upheaval. Partnership in-fighting over reduced profits has caused some firms to split up. Loss of income to support existing lifestyles has undoubtedly contributed to the high level of thefts from client accounts.

The conveyancing slump has lead to a particularly bloodthirsty price war as some firms offer to carry out any transaction for fees that can only be described as financial suicide. Although this has caused heart-searching in the profession, there has been little positive action. The letters pages of the *Gazette*, the weekly journal of the Law Society, have been dominated in recent weeks by correspondence about cut-price conveyancing.

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Tony Holland, a former president of the society, has been leading a spirited campaign in the society's councils to control the activities of the discounters. The fear is not just that ridiculously low fees have the general effect of driving all fees down, but that nobody can do the work properly for the advertised fees. The outcome will undoubtedly be negligence, which will lead to claims on the compensation fund.

As yet, there is no clear statistical connection between low fees and the theft of clients' money but there is a general feeling at the grassroots that those who try to get work at all costs are, at best, incompetent and, at worst, dishonest.

Given that grassroots practitioners can usually spot a dodgy solicitor long before the claims start to hit the compensation fund, this feeling is not one to be taken lightly.

Since there are no easy solutions to the problems of lack of work, it is not surprising that there is open warfare in the profession. This being the legal profession and not a football club, the fighting is muted, but nonetheless ferocious. There has even been a suggestion that only specialist solicitors should be allowed to do probate work. This means that general practitioner solicitors would be excluded and the work confined to the large firms.

It is not surprising that the small firms feel beleaguered. A hundred of their representatives have tabled a motion for next month's Law Society AGM calling for a small firms directorate to be created within the society to look after their interests.

The society is resisting this. Although some of its arguments against the motion look like thinly veiled threats — it suggests that if the motion were passed, the rest of the society would devote itself to the interests of the larger firms — the motion should be rejected. A small firms directorate would be a Cinderella directorate within the Law Society. It would split the profession and demean the status of the smaller firms.

Successive presidents of the society, despite overwhelmingly coming from the big firms, have recognised this and have shown commendable commitment to the concept of one profession.

Mark Sheldon, the current president, is the senior partner of Linklaters & Paines, but has been unswerving in his continued support of legal aid solicitors.

Those in the smaller firms are predominantly general practitioners and are threatened by shortages of work and the loss of traditional areas.

Demands that everyone should specialise are superficially attractive but not necessarily in the public interest. Most other professions function perfectly well with most of their members being generalists. Indeed, medical general practitioners are always being given more work to do, rather than less.

Don't forget that it is the general practitioner solicitors who maintain offices in rural areas and suburbs, not the specialist firms.

The problem with solicitors is the temptation to take on work they cannot do rather than lose a client. Like the lion, they try to eat as much as possible in times of plenty.

The remedy is not, however, to take the work away from them but for the Law Society to use its existing disciplinary powers against any solicitors who take on work that they cannot do speedily and competently.

Meanwhile the small firms sit like those lions of the Serengeti, bickering among themselves and waiting for the rains and the rich pickings to come.

● *The author is a practising solicitor.*

Grounds for action?

PART of the record £2.9 billion losses reported by Lloyd's may result in a flood of farms on the market. In an attempt to help farmers to protect their assets, Gordon Apsion and Andrew Rigsby of Hancocks in Banbury have set up an action group.

Mr Rigsby says: "We have 50 members. Many farmers face losing their livelihoods because they gave bank guarantees to Lloyd's and several gave it power of attorney."

The group is attempting to block any attempt to force the sale of land until actions against Lloyd's alleging negligence have been heard.

Positive LAB test

THE Legal Aid Board's annual report makes amusing reading. It's as though all the complaints about the board's efficiency — especially over delays in processing bills and answering the phone — were just the invention of a legal profession's fevered brain.

The report is filled with phrases worthy of George Orwell's Ministry of Truth, summarised perhaps in this statement by Stephen Orchard, the LAB's chief executive, "Area office performance in payment of bills and processing of legal aid applications has remained consistently high throughout the year, with all national targets being met".

And when the LAB gets its BS5750 accreditation, which will "lead to improvements in the consistency of decision making", all the lingering little problems will disappear.

Who knows, lawyers may even end up loving the Lord Chancellor?

Conveying calm

THE Council for Licensed Conveyancers seems to have got the wind up in a big way. In the wake of the recent meeting called by members worried about potential problems of meeting compensation costs of defaulting colleagues, the council has recruited Paul Quade of Rawlings Financial PR to handle all press calls.

Mr Quade's line is "crisis, what crisis?" There is no problem concerning the compensation fund and no, he is not prepared to say how much money is in it. Worried conveyancers should talk with the council and not with the press, he adds.

The fund is a "discretionary one of last resort" and "each claim is judged on its merits".

Unlike the Law Society, with its raft of preventative measures to cut the scope for dishonesty by solicitors, "the council", Mr Quade says, "does not see any need for anything further to be done".

So can he guarantee that every member of the public seeking the services of a licensed conveyancer will not be ripped off?

"If they go to a member of the council, yes." Don't say you haven't been warned!

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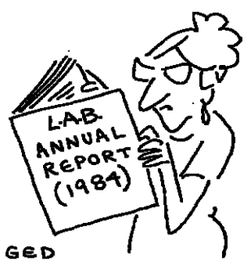

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A local authority believes it has found a way to defeat crime. **Bill Parry-Davies** analyses the evidence

An end to estates of siege?

An initiative by a London council has been hailed as a unique method of virtually eliminating crime on estates under siege. Kingsmead in Homerton has been targeted by Hackney council as the site of this experiment, and it is certainly fit for improvement: in 1992, 340 burglaries were committed on the estate's 1,000 flats. Hackney's attempted solution has been to obtain injunctions against several tenants, "barring them from activities on the borderline of being criminal".

Under the injunctions, imprisonment can follow if any of those bound by them, or their offspring, enter any flat without a tenant's permission, damage property or assault or threaten residents or council employees.

The results appear dramatic. Hackney council announced an 87 per cent drop in the number of burglaries this year. This use of the civil rather than criminal law has, since it requires a lower standard of proof, led some commentators to suggest that offences for which the criminal courts are often reluctant to impose jail should be made civil nuisances, thus opening the way to injunctions and committal to prison for contempt of court.

The Kingsmead methods and figures, however, should be looked at carefully. As a solicitor with clients from the estate, I well know its problems. The mere mention of its name causes panic among homeless families awaiting their one and only offer of council accommodation.

Although it is typical of other estates in London for its high level of street crime and burglary, it has earned its notoriety largely because it was where 14-year-old Jason Swift was killed in a homosexual orgy. In the sub-culture of drug dealers, thieves and pimps, guns are as much a fashion accessory as mobile phones.

The council initiative was carried out in conjunction with the police. In January, after three months of police surveillance from Kingsmead flats provided by the council, several youths were arrested and brought before magistrates' courts on burglary and drugs charges. They are now awaiting trial.

In April, the council took proceedings for possession of households rented by the parents of the accused youths. Thus the alleged sins of the children shall be visited upon their parents, who face potential eviction and the possibility that the local authority will refuse to rehouse them.

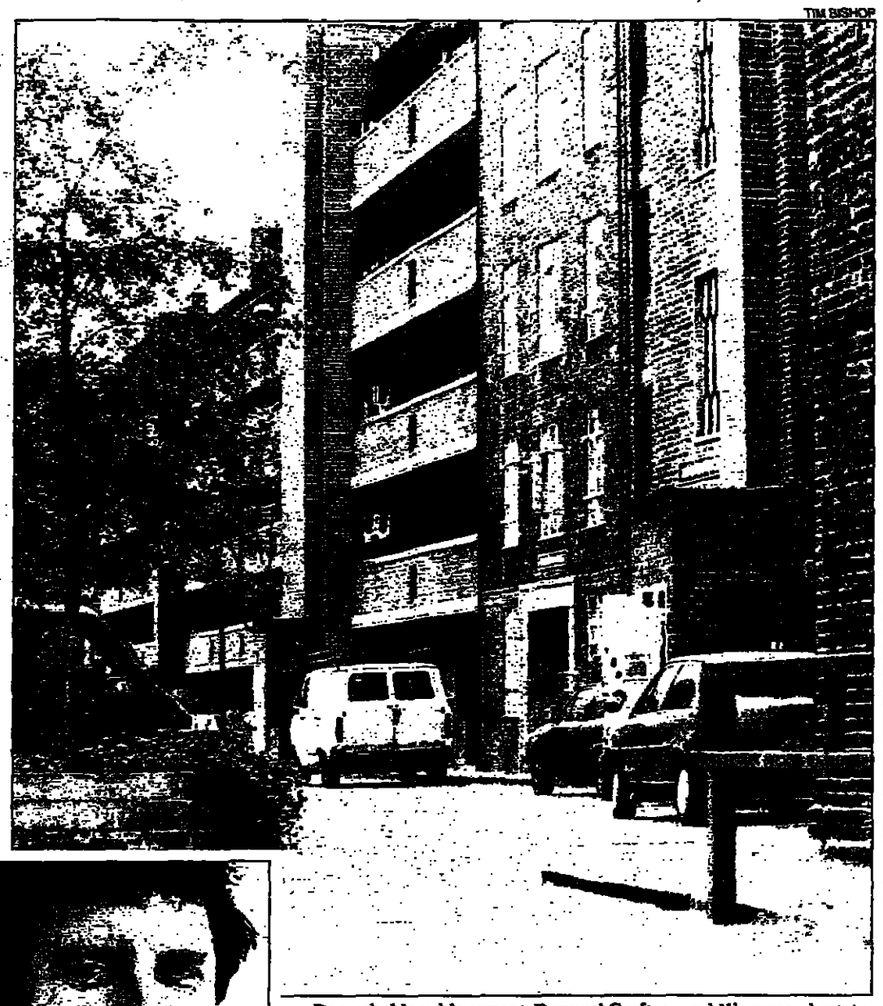
The next month, Hackney took the approach a stage further by obtaining the injunctions, prohibiting the defendants from breaches, pending the outcome of the possession proceedings. As is usual with such injunctions, they carry the threat of imprisonment.

When the landlord or the police will not or cannot act, victims are left to take proceedings — and risk retribution. But with the police and the council working together, Hackney has also offered support and rehousing to any tenants who may be intimidated. Press reports suggest that this has eased the climate of fear on the estate so that 300 witnesses have come forward.

This is in itself a remarkable achievement because until the arrival of Bernard Crofton, its director of housing, Hackney had not had a good record of working with police or tenants — or engendering confidence among its residents in either. Indeed, one political regime at Hackney had a policy of non-co-operation with the local force.

Local authorities around Britain are said to be studying Hackney's approach to estate crime in the hope that it may solve similar problems elsewhere. But the results to date must be looked at closely.

TIM BISHOP



Remarkable achievement: Bernard Crofton, and Kingsmead estate

In fact, the "dramatic fall" from 300 to 11 occurred in the first four months of this year — before Hackney's civil proceedings. The fall is probably because Kingsmead estate became aware of the police presence on the estate that led to the January arrests; they certainly knew of it once the arrests had been made.

Neither does the claim that civil proceedings will lead to a greater likelihood of imprisonment stand up. Although an injunction may be obtained on affidavit evidence alone without cross-examination of witnesses, it is established law that committal to prison for breach must be proved beyond reasonable doubt. It must also be proved, unless the injunction order was absolute and unqualified, that the breach was wilful and deliberate.

The use of possession proceedings is not as novel as has been claimed: the now-disbanded Greater London Council brought such proceedings against tenants accused of racially harassing neighbours.

In another case, in Camden, north London, a judge refused a possession order against a woman on finding that she was not reasonably capable of controlling her 17-year-old son. This raises another important issue: how far should parents be held responsible for their children's actions?

It is the word "reasonable" that has so often exercised courts in such cases. Local-authority tenancies can be ended only where the court considers it reasonable to do so. Therein lies the protection for the tenants and some comfort for civil libertarians. The alleged sins of the children will be visited upon their parents only when it reasonable so to do.

● *The author is a partner with Dowse & Co. of Dalston.*

Accountants fear their number's up

The boom in litigation support work may finally be nearing an end

Almost one thousand of London's leading litigation partners were at the Royal Academy last Thursday for a champagne reception hosted by the litigation services group at accountants Arthur Andersen. The size of the turn-out amazed Chris Osborne, one of the Arthur Andersen organisers.

"Last year", he says, "we entertained 250 at the Courtauld Institute and we felt we needed a larger venue. But the size of this response is staggering."

The guests were not simply in pursuit of art and alcohol (or at least not just art). Litigation support — where accountants advise lawyers on the size of a loss or the value of a claim — has become one of those critical areas of expertise in which mathematics is put at the service of the legal profession.

All the leading firms of accountants now offer it and the quality of calculations can influence the outcome of a case. As Mr Osborne says, "The old days of adding up figures at the end of a case are now long gone".

> Accountants must get the lawyers to call them at an early stage

So significant has been the growth in litigation support that Coopers & Lybrand now has a team of 50 accountants permanently working in the field and Arthur Andersen about 40.

KPMG Peat Marwick also has a large team and Price Waterhouse, although it has just two partners in its litigation support group, is regarded as being of particularly high quality. Robson Rhodes, which has started a magazine for litigation specialists, has a team of 60, variously involved.

One reason so many accountants are devoting their time to litigation support is that their services are required by so many lawyers. A few years ago only the top ten law firms in London used them, but now up to 50 firms countrywide call on their services.

Support work is also becoming more international. For example, Arthur Andersen's large litigation support team for Europe is based in London. However, with non-UK assignments, the client often uses a London-based law firm. The dominance of London lawyers in Europe means that a lot of non-UK litigation work is being run by both lawyers and accountants based in the City.

Support work has mushroomed because litigation itself has reached epidemic proportions, mostly from the pre-recession acquisitions boom. Licensing, warranties and intellectual property have all proved good sources of disputes. But support has a lag factor. Some accountants fear that the decline in acquisitions work over the past two or three years will lead to a fall-off in demand for their services. So by 1995, the leading players may need to attract new work from other sources.

Fortunately, there is the rising flood of fraud on their side.

Already fraud is providing a substantial slice of work and most people expect it to grow. The greater the fraud, the more difficult to calculate its scale and ramifications. The answer is to summon the accountants.

In fact, one priority for the accountants is to persuade the lawyers to call them in at an early stage.

Lawyers used to be naive in the way they briefed litigation support accountants, but now enough cases have been fought for the two professions to have established a good working relationship.

There is still the task of persuading the client to agree early to pay for the accountant's services. At a time of growing customer resistance to professional fees, this is not easy.

So the hospitality of Arthur Andersen had a serious marketing purpose. "We wanted to remind people who have used us that we are still here and to introduce ourselves to lawyers who have not hired us in the past," Mr Osborne says.

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Predictable nature of women's tennis leaves it short of competitive thrills

Lesser lights too easily extinguished

SIMON BARNES
At Wimbledon

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Safely through: Sabatini, the No 4 seed, lines up a forehand on her way to victory in straight sets over Huber on court one yesterday

The women's tournament has reached that really exciting stage. We have gone past the first week, when the weaker player gives up at the the start of the first set. Now we are in the second week, the weaker player does not give up till the start of the second set.

If 6-0, 6-0 is the characteristic scoreline of the first week, that of the second is 7-6, 6-0. And that was exactly the result as Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth seed, beat Anke Huber, the ninth seed yesterday. After a tight and well fought first set, Huber lost heart, pace, accuracy and will. Sabatini stepped up her game and walloped Huber off the court. The first set took 57 minutes, the second 22.

It turned out there was a reason, or at least an excuse. Huber was poorly. She had a feverish cold, a genuine one: "I knew I couldn't play three sets. I knew I couldn't win by the middle of the second."

Sabatini praised her own aggression in the second set, and told us she was very focused. This, of course, is the tennis equivalent of the heavyweight boxer telling us he is in the best shape of his life. But this tournament has been so absolutely dominated by Steffi Graf that, even more than usual, women's tennis is the land of the predictable. That takes the edge off things in any sport; for sport feeds on surprise.

This year, the women's tournament is more than ever like Formula One: devastatingly wealthy, utterly predictable. In motor racing, no one has the power and the technology to beat the Williams team. In this women's tournament, the technology is open to all and the power to many: but no one seems to have the will to beat Graf.

Huber: pretty in pink

I wish this was not so. The Women's Tennis Association is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. It has done wonders for women's tennis, and by its success, has set an example to every aspect of women's sport.

So far, 43 female tennis players have won more than $1 million in prize-money, an astonishing statistic, particularly when you realise that Jo Durie is one of the Fab 43. There are additional fortunes to be made if the camera loves you and you are prepared to play a female double-game in the Evert tradition. Sabatini was born to wear white, and she has made several fortunes from that simple fact. Huber, pouting in salmon pink, clearly has ambitions in the same direction.

But the women's game lacks the constant drama of upset and challenge and unpredictablity. There is always a processional element about women's tennis. Once a ranking, or a dominance, has been established, the weaker player seems to accept the situation. She often does so with charm and grace; women's tennis is chronically short of dogfights.

For once, I do not have a theory to account for this. Some like to say that women are simply too nice to be competitive. A feminist writer named Marilyn French says that hierarchical structures are typically male, egalitarian structures typically female. She believes that in prehistoric times, "the matricentric world was one of sharing, of community bound by friendship and love, of emotional centredness in home and people, all of which led to happiness".

This romantic notion is quoted and refuted — at least where chimpanzees are concerned — in a classic of animal behaviour, *Peacemaking Among Primates* by Frans de Waal. "Absence of aggression among females does not make sense," he writes, a rare categorical statement from a man of measured tone. However, he adds that female chimpanzees are not dominance-oriented: "status rituals are very rare among chimpanzees ... whereas male chimpanzees engage in fierce dominance struggles, females do not".

The point is that tennis, especially when dominated by the computer, is nothing more or less than a form or ranking hierarchy, one that depends for its existence on a series of fierce dominance struggles. "The most interesting difference between the sexes is, I feel, not in the amount of competition, but in the form it takes and the effect it has on relationships," de Waal writes.

Now I cannot make any wild claims as to the relevance of the behaviour of our most closely related fellow-mammal to the problem of, as it were, the sexual dimorphism of professional tennis. But like everybody else, that ever lived, I have always been intrigued by the differences, real and illusory, between the sexes.

De Waal also quotes a Dutch swimming coach, who says: "I would rather see boys, so to speak, punch each other in the face when they disagree and drink a beer together one hour afterward, than girls who may maintain a particular discord for months." I am still not sure where that leaves us.

The fact is that the dominance patterns of men's and women's tennis are startlingly different. I merely throw the ethology of the chimpanzee into the debate. What is not open to question is that tennis is all about dominance.

Or to quote Anthony Powell: "That was a good straightforward point of view, no pretence that games were anything but an outlet for power and aggression; no stuff about their being enjoyable as such. You played a game to demonstrate that you did it better than someone else. If it came to that, I thought, how few people do anything for its own sake, from making love to practicing the arts."

Wilkinson makes mark in doubles

CHRIS Wilkinson, beaten by Stefan Edberg in the third round of the singles on centre court on Saturday, yesterday reached the quarter-finals of the men's doubles. Wilkinson, from Southampton, teamed up with Paul Hand, from Wokingham, to beat the American pair, Brett Garnett and T.J. Middleton, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

The unseeded Britons, who beat the French Open champions, Luke and Murphy Jenson, in the previous round, now meet the pairing of Rikard Bergh, of Sweden, and Byron Talbot, of the South Africa, for a place in the semi-finals.

Jim Pugh, who won the 1989 Wimbledon mixed doubles with Jana Novotna, was yesterday forced to withdraw from this year's competition because of injury. The American, also men's doubles champion in 1990, was to have partnered Linda Ferrando, of Italy, against the South African-Dutch combination of John-Laffnie De Jaeger and Caroline Vis.

Line judges could find themselves out of a job if a US Open experiment with electronic technology catches on. Organisers at the last grand-slam tournament of the year aim to dispense with judges on the four main courts at the championships in September, allowing a new system of under-court sensors to take their place.

The system, which emits a bleep if the ball hits a line, was tried out last year during the over-45 tournament and proved popular, according to the International Tennis Federation.

"It was good, it worked," Ilie Nastase, the Romanian famous for his fiery exchanges with match officials, said. "The only problem was it sometimes made a noise when you bounced the ball to serve. It could put you off."

Andre Agassi, however, said: "I can't imagine them trying something like that out at the US Open. I would prefer them trying that out in other tournaments."

Court of Appeal — Law Report June 29 1993 — House of Lords

Frustration no excuse for self-help

Regina v Chapman
Regina v Bond

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment June 28]

The court would be validating the very conduct which it was the court's business to deter if it could be said that exceptional circumstances in mitigation existed when appellants had a grievance and, rather than leave the matter to the police because of dissatisfaction with progress there, took the law into their own hands.

The Lord Chief Justice so stated when giving the judgment of the court, quashing five-year prison sentences passed at Norwich Crown Court by Judge Binns on June 9 on pleas of guilty by Mark Edward Chapman, aged 29, of Horham, Eye, Suffolk and Duncan Bond, aged 34, of Harleston, Norfolk to kidnapping a boy aged 16, whom they held in a van for 20 minutes or so and threatened with injury.

Mr Patrick O'Connor, QC and Mr Guy Ayers for Chapman; Mr Patrick O'Connor, QC and Mr Jeremy Richards for Bond.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that Mr Bond's work tools and motor cycles, including one which was an intended birthday present next day for his young son, were stolen from his workshop.

The police were not hopeful of recovering the items or apprehending those responsible. They indicated that any information which Mr Bond could provide would help. He toured the area, found one of their motor cycles and reported to the police. Although some persons were arrested they were released without charge for insufficient evidence.

Mr Bond enlisted Mr Chapman's help and drove a van a few miles to Dickleborough, having been given a name. They went to the home of the victim. He was forced into the van where he was held for the next 20 minutes or so by Mr Bond, questioned and threatened. His hands were fastened behind his back with plastic.

He was terrified but did not suffer more than superficial and slight injury.

The judge in passing sentence described it as a tragic case. It was. Two respectable and respected citizens normally of good behaviour decided to pursue a grievance by strong-arm tactics and committed a serious offence.

It was clearly to be understood that to kidnap a 16-year-old boy and to interrogate him with terrifying threats and menaces was a serious offence. Even if they were valid grievances on a proven wrongdoing by the victim, and there was no such proof here, to abduct and intimidate a 16-year-old boy could not be excused.

True, there was only trivial physical injury and the whole episode was over in half an hour.

The true gravity of the case lay in its threat to public order. It might seem a trite observation, but it had to be said that civilised society could not tolerate individuals taking the law into their own hands. That applied to exacting revenge for any perceived wrong, even if the perpetrator of the wrong was clearly established. It applied also, as here, to conducting enquiries by force or intimidation.

Such conduct was in itself indefensible and, if not put down, would lead to retaliation, feuds, fights and injustice, and the breakdown in public order.

Their Lordships fully understood the frustration felt when a crime was committed and the offender not traced or brought to justice. Such frustration would never justify such self-help.

His Lordship referred to *R v Smith* ((1989) 11 Cr App R (S) 49), *R v Wheatcroft and Barrett* (unreported, January 14, 1993, CA) and *R v Dimambro* (unreported, May 8 1992, CA), in which a man's daughter had been abducted and the sentence on appeal was reduced to six months imprisonment suspended for 12 months.

His Lordship said that, to lose a motor cycle was one thing, to lose a daughter was another. Since that case the Criminal Justice Act 1991 had come into operation and section 5 provided that a suspended sentence could be justified only by exceptional circumstances.

What exceptional circumstances could there be in the present case? If it could be said that the appellant Bond and his colleague Chapman had a grievance and, rather than leave the matter to the police because they were dissatisfied with the progress there, took the law into their own hands to regard that as exceptional circumstances would be to validate the very conduct which it was the business of their Lordships to deter.

No sentence other than an immediate custodial sentence could be justified.

The judge's sentence was grossly disproportionate. That was apparent from the cases mentioned. Even more apparent was it when in a case of rape and a plea of not guilty the sentence would be five years.

Their Lordships took into account that both appellants were of good character, highly regarded in their own locality, the extreme stress they sentences of five years must have caused over the 18 days since imposition and the remorse expressed on their behalf by Mr O'Connor, which their Lordships accepted as genuine.

The least sentence that could be justified was six months imprisonment.

Solicitors: Russell Steward & Co, Norwich; Russell Steward & Co, Norwich.

Representations on life sentences

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Doody
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Regina v Same, Ex parte Pegg

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Lane, Lord Templeman, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches June 24]

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was required to afford to a prisoner serving a mandatory life sentence the opportunity to submit in writing representations as to the period he should serve for the purposes of retribution and deterrence before the secretary of state set the date of the first review of the prisoner's sentence.

Before giving the prisoner the opportunity to make such representations, the secretary of state was required to inform him of the period recommended by the judiciary as the period he should serve for the purposes of retribution and deterrence and of any other opinion expressed by the judiciary which was relevant to the secretary of state's decision as to the appropriate period to be served for those purposes.

The secretary of state was obliged to give reasons for departing from the period recommended by the judiciary as the period which he should serve for the purposes of retribution and deterrence.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the secretary of state and a cross-appeal, save as to one issue, by mandatory life sentence prisoners, Stephen Doody, John David Pierson, Elfed Wayne Smart and Kenneth Pegg, from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Farquharson) (*The Times* May 6, 1992; [1993] QB 157), who had allowed the appeals of the prisoners against the refusal of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (*The Times* January 22, 1991) to grant the relief sought in their applications for judicial review of the determination by the secretary of state of the period for which each of them had to remain in custody before a release on licence.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Robert Jay for the secretary of state; Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Doody; Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Pierson; Mr Geoffrey Nice, QC and Mr Gregory Treverton-Jones for Smart; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Gordon for Pegg.

LORD MUSTILL said that the prisoners who were the respondents to the appeal were each convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment on various occasions between 1985 and 1987.

It was possible to deduce from the dates fixed by the secretary of state for the first review of their cases by the parole board that the penal elements of their life sentences was 15 years, not more than 20 years, 12 years and 11 years respectively.

That much each prisoner knew. What he did not know was why the particular term was selected and he was trying to found out in the hope that once the information was obtained he might be able to point out errors of fact or reasoning and thereby persuade the secretary of state to change his mind, or to challenge the decision in the courts.

The secretary of state had declined to furnish the information and the prisoners had set out to obtain it by applications for judicial review. The prisoners succeeded in the Court of Appeal on the first two issues, on which the secretary of state now appealed.

The prisoners failed, and cross-appealed on the remaining four issues.

The questions in the case included:

1 Was a prisoner serving a life sentence entitled to make written representations before his tariff was set by the secretary of state?

2 Was the secretary of state required to tell the prisoner what period the judiciary had recommended he should serve for the purposes of retribution and deterrence, and of any other opinion expressed or reasons given by the judiciary which were or might be relevant to the secretary of state's decision as to the appropriate period to be served for those purposes?

3 If a prisoner was to be told the judicial view of his tariff of his tariff, was the secretary of state obliged to give reasons for departing from it if he did so?

4 Was the secretary of state obliged to adopt the judicial view of the period to be served for retribution and deterrence by a prisoner serving a mandatory life sentence?

5 Was the secretary of state obliged to make the decision on the period which a life sentence prisoner should serve for the purposes of retribution and deterrence personally, or could that task be performed by a minister at the Home Office on his behalf?

The answers were:

4 Effect of the judicial view

This question logically came first. All the judges of the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal had returned a negative answer and his Lordship had no doubt that they were right.

With a mandatory sentence, the trial judge and the Lord Chief Justice were no more than advisers. Not only had successive ministers made it plain to Parliament that they regarded themselves as free to depart from the advice, they had put their words into practice.

The prisoners maintained that that practice was unlawful and put their argument in two ways.

First, they asserted that the judges were uniquely skilled and experienced in matching punishment to the needs of retribution and deterrence and in the establishment and operation of tariffs for particular types of offence. That being so, the Home Secretary who, *ex hypothesi*, was less well equipped could not sensibly reject the advice of the judges so that any fixing of the penal element otherwise than in accordance with their opinions must necessarily be irrational.

His Lordship could see no reason why the anomalous task of fixing a tariff penal element for an offence in respect of which the true tariff sentence was life imprisonment was one for which the Home Secretary and his junior ministers were any less experienced and capable than were the judges.

In any event, Parliament had not by statute conferred on the judges any role, even as advisers, at the time when the penal element of a mandatory life sentence was fixed.

The prisoners' second argument was an appeal to symmetry. Mandatory and discretionary sentences were each divided into two elements. Under both regimes the judges played a part in fixing the penal element, and the Parole Board in fixing the risk element.

At the stage of the Parole Board review, the practice as to disclosure of materials and reasons was now the same under the two regimes. It was thus argued that it was irrational for the Home Secretary not to have brought into alignment the two methods of fixing the penal element.

While there was an important grain of truth in that argument, his Lordship believed it was overstated. The discretionary and mandatory life sentences were now converging. Nevertheless, on the statutory framework, there remained a substantial gap between them.

It might be, and his Lordship expressed no opinion, that the time was approaching when the effect of the two types of life sentence should be further assimilated. But that was a task for Parliament.

It was quite impossible for the courts to introduce a fundamental change in the relationship between a convicted murderer and the state through the medium of judicial review.

Questions 1, 2 and 3: Representations by the prisoner; the judge's tariff; the Home Secretary's reasons

The only issue was whether the way in which the scheme was administered fell below the minimum standard of fairness.

There had been an increasing recognition that a convicted offender should be aware what the court had in mind for his disposal. While the current law and practice concerning discretionary life sentences conformed entirely with that trend, the regime for mandatory life prisoners conspicuously did not.

In the present cases, the opinion of the judges were weighed in the balance when the secretary of state made his decision. Beyond the fact that the opinion was not invariably decisive, there was no means of knowing how it figured in the Home Secretary's reasoning.

In his Lordship's opinion, the prisoner needed to know the substance of the judge's advice, comprising not only the term of years recommended as the penal element but also their reasons; for the prisoner could not rationalise his objections to the penal element without knowing how it was rationalised by the judges themselves.

In those circumstances, his Lordship agreed with the Court of Appeal on the first and second issues but differed on the third.

His Lordship accepted without hesitation, and mentioned it only to avoid misunderstanding, that the law did not at present recognise a general duty to give reasons for an administrative decision. Nevertheless, it was equally beyond question that such a duty might in appropriate circumstances be implied.

The question put simply was whether it was fair that the mandatory life prisoner should be wholly deprived of information which all other prisoners received as a matter of course? His Lordship was clearly of the opinion that it was not.

However, his Lordship wished to make it absolutely clear that this was not the signal for a flood of successful applications for judicial review.

Parliament had left the discretion on release with the Home Secretary. So long as that remained the case, prisoners should not deceive themselves into believing that they could obtain leave to move for judicial review simply by pointing to a difference between the opinion of the judges and the decision of the Home Secretary.

Only if it could be shown that the decision might have been arrived at through a faulting process would they have any serious prospect of persuading the court to grant relief.

Question 5: Discretion

His Lordship adopted the reasoning of Lord Justice Staughton in the Court of Appeal (at pp194-196). There was one further point. The statutory powers and the administrative regime contemplated that the Lord Chief Justice as well as the Home Secretary had a part to play.

It might safely be assumed that in the past the Lord Chief Justice had always considered that he was obliged to act in person. It might be asked why the position of the Home Secretary should be different. In his Lordship's opinion that argument was out of place. There was nothing inconsistent in holding that one office-holder might delegate whereas the other might not.

Lord Keith, Lord Lane, Lord Templeman and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; Graham Withers & Co, Shrewsbury; Cartwright Adams & Black, Cardiff; Bindman & Partners.

Payment treated as income

Regina v Sheffield City Council, Ex parte Parker

Where a court order made under section 23(1)(d) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 was worded for tax purposes so that money was said to be paid to the mother "for and direct to" the child, when in reality it was paid to the mother for the education of the child, the money could still be said to be paid in pursuance of the order so that for the purposes of paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 3 of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations (SI 1990 No 1628) the money could be treated as the income of the mother.

The words "other instrument" in paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 3 were sufficiently wide to include an order of the county court made without the parties' consent.

Mr Justice Tucker so held in the Queen's Bench Division on June 18 in dismissing an application by Nicola Jane Parker for judicial review of a decision of Sheffield City Council on July 3, 1991 to revise awards made to her under the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations (SI 1988 No 1360) (SI 1989 No 1458) and (SI 1990 No 1628) to withdraw the maintenance element of sums which it had made to her by way of provisional grants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the father had paid money to the mother who had applied it for or towards the maintenance, education or other benefit of the child by reason of, because of and in pursuance of the order which had been drawn up.

It was clearly understood by the parties at the time that it was up to them to carry out its terms by whatever method was most expedient.

Concern over jury choice

Regina v Hawkins

The Court of Appeal expressed concern about the way in which a trial judge left it to the jury to decide whether they wished to retire and consider their verdicts late in the afternoon or to wait until the following morning.

Their Lordships (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Scott Baker) on June 14 allowed the appeal of Simon Lee Hawkins against his conviction on March 17, 1992 in Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Streeter and a jury) of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 (count 1). A conviction on count 2, of inflicting grievous bodily harm contrary to section 20, to which the appellant had pleaded guilty, was substituted.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that the judge made his enquiry of the jury in open court and left them to talk among themselves in the jury box. Implicit in the enquiry was an invitation to the jury there and then to form a view as to how long they were likely to take to reach verdicts.

In the court's view the decision was one for the judge. As the jury had not yet begun their deliberations they were not qualified to exercise any sensible discretion on such an option, if it existed.

However, their Lordships were satisfied that in the event no unfairness resulted from that matter. The conviction on count 1 would be quashed because of misdirections on the issue of whether the appellant had the necessary intent for the section 18 offence.

Landing not in home

Rukira v Director of Public Prosecutions

Communal landings outside individual self-contained flats in a block did not form part of a person's home or part of the structure occupied as a person's home within the meaning of "dwelling" in section 4(2) of the Public Order Act 1986.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny) so held on June 8 when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Freddie Rukwira against his conviction by South Westminster Justices of using towards another threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour with intent to cause that other person to believe that immediate unlawful violence would be used against him or another by any person, or to provoke the immediate use of unlawful violence by that person or another whereby that person was likely to believe that such violence would be provoked contrary to section 4(1) of the 1986 Act.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that "dwelling" in section 4(2) of the 1986 Act connoted those areas which lay behind the closed doors in question and that common landings, which were merely means of access, were not included in "dwelling" within section 4(2).

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Ailing Sánchez Vicario goes out to doubles partner

Sukova: fresh

BY STUART JONES
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ARANTXA Sánchez Vicario yesterday became the second notable casualty in the women's singles at Wimbledon. The diminutive third seed from Spain, conceding almost a foot in height, was the victim of an uncharitable act on the centre court, for she was knocked out by her regular doubles partner, Helena Sukova, 6-3, 6-4.

She was also stricken by the virus that affected Anke Huber, and appears to be circulating among the competitors. Suffering from an upset stomach, she revealed that she had been sick before as well as during the match. Typically, she declined to blame the illness for her loss.

In spite of her high ranking, her defeat was as predictable as that of Mary Joe Fernandez, the fifth seed, on Saturday. For all their prowess on other surfaces (Sánchez Vicario, for instance, has been as successful as Steffi Graf this year), neither of them has the game designed for grass.

Nobody knows that more intimately than Sukova, having won eight doubles titles with her. Sánchez Vicario, an effervescent 21-year-old from Barcelona, has never reached the semi-final at Wimbledon and only twice featured in the last eight, where she was beaten by Graf in 1989 and Fernandez two years ago.

Sukova, 6ft 2in, is relatively fresh. At the end of last year she went for a jog, stubbed her foot and thought that she had merely strained a ligament. The pain worsened and she eventually discovered in February that she had fractured a bone. She was ordered to rest for two months.

This is the fifth time she has reached the quarter-finals and there she will meet another Spaniard, Conchita Martinez, whose prominence is also deceptive. In spite of being the sixth seed, she is comfortable only on the harder and slower surfaces.

Martinez was plainly in trouble yesterday when, after losing the first set and the first game of the second, she called for the trainer to treat a damaged left leg. She was spared by Yayuk Basuki, who is idolised in her Indonesian homeland but comparatively unknown here.

Instead of moving her opponent around the court, Basuki apparently took pity, persistently directed the ball at the wounded Martinez and lost 12 of the next 15 games to go out 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. By contrast, Jennifer Capriati was merciless in her treatment of a former ally. As a 14-year-old, she used to partner Lisa Raymond. Their respective parents occasionally dined together but friendship counted for nothing in the decisive set. Capriati won it 8-6, deploying the comparatively vast experience she has gained during the last three years on the circuit.

Raymond signed professional terms at Eastbourne last week and this was only her seventh match away from the amateur ranks where she excelled while studying the University of Florida. Had she chosen to stay and graduate there, she would have studied criminology; she intends to return to the subject when she retires.

By then she will surely have amassed a small fortune. She is already ranked higher than 50 in the world and is expected soon to challenge the top 20. Wherever she goes, she will carry her favourite article, an American football. She has even brought one with her here.

Capriati is to meet Graf, one of only two women to have beaten her at Wimbledon. The top seed conceded more games to Meredith McGrath, the qualifier from the United States, than she had in the previous three rounds. Nevertheless, it took her less than an hour to win 6-1, 6-4.

"I'm happy with the way I'm playing," she said, dismissing any suggestions that so many easy matches made it hard for her to motivate herself. If you can't concentrate at Wimbledon you can't concentrate anywhere."

Contrary to rumours, Monica Seles, who was deposed as the world's No 1 by Graf, may play in the United States Open which starts at the end of August. The Women's Tennis Association issued a statement yesterday, calling reports that Seles would not play again this year "erroneous and misleading".

IAN STEWART

Leconte's genius snuffed out by power of Becker

David Miller watches German strength prove more than a match for Gallic guile and flair

Henri Leconte's knee-caps may be all wrong for a great athlete, but the racket in his left hand can be a magical instrument. In vain, the crowds again came to the centre court in fond expectation and hope, *cher Henri* once more being close yet so far, an ephemeral genius.

Boris Becker advanced upon him like a wall of lava. Sooner or later, we knew, the German would engulf the Frenchman, the way he has eight times in ten meetings, including the quarter-finals and semi-finals here in 1985 and 1986 respectively, when the young German was champion. Yet how charming and beguiling the doubt was while it lasted.

Becker's victory gives him now a quarter-final against his compatriot, Michael Stich, who defeated him in the final two years ago. "Friends we are not," Becker admitted later, in the wake of controversy that goes back to Olympic participation last year, and was refuelled by Becker's non-appearance in this year's Davis Cup. "But we're not enemies," he added, "and this is not a critical meeting, because I expect to play him another ten times in the next few years."

A score of 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 against Leconte yesterday may not suggest an epic battle, yet it lasted the better part of three hours, and now and then the cannon thundered. At the merest hint of a revival by Leconte — even an assault? — the crowd would throb with encouragement on his behalf. There were, indeed, hints about every half-dozen strokes, but Leconte could never join them together consecutively in what might have become a real counter-attack.

There at one end stood Becker; his hair cropped as close as Burt Lancaster's in his meanest role, shining like burnished copper beneath an unbroken sun. There is a toughness in the demeanour of a more mature Becker which is quite different from the irresistible athleticism of his earlier years.

The 30-year-old Leconte glided this way and that at the other end, reaching out for those occasional shots which are invisible until he has struck them, the ball itself sometimes too fast for the eye of opponent or spectator. That left wrist can conceal the direction, until impact, of the wickedest strokes in the game.

Leconte had break points to recover for 4-4 in the first set, and to lead 2-0 in the second, yet failed to exploit them. Becker's solidity in serve and volley continually stopped him in his tracks. How the crowd tried to will the match the other way, but it was not to be.

It is not just the beauty and speed of Leconte's best shots which enchant, nor the soulful glances and grimaces of those Gallic eyes. Never mind that the game-score may not be going well, he will produce a sequence of follow-throughs that are even more dramatic than the strokes which have fallen out or in the net. His most triumphant points are concluded with gestures to the gallery as histrionic as Leonard Bernstein at the climax of Mahler's Fourth.

'Sooner or later we knew the German would engulf the Frenchman'

As for his opponents' unplayable winners, Leconte has a delightful way of utterly ignoring them, as though he were not actually involved in this particular match, and indeed is overdue for an appointment elsewhere. It is no surprise that young and old alike take to him uncritically, for he brings to the court a charm similar to that of Jean Borotra, the nonagenarian champion of 1924 and 1926, who was here watching his *enfant* yesterday.

Becker, whose game is rediscovering the edge he will need to defeat Stich — his conqueror at Queen's — was generous to yesterday's opponent afterwards, as indeed he could afford to be. No, he was not put out by the partisan nature of the crowd. "All spectators enjoy Henri Leconte. He's one of the most exciting shot-makers in the game, and I'm a fan. I like to watch him," Becker said.

There was not too much of Leconte to watch early on. Becker broke him in the first game, and although the cheers rang out intermittently as the Frenchman's forehand would find some impossible angle, Becker proceeded machine-like towards his objective.

When he fell, trying to half-volley at 4-3 to give Leconte 40-30 against serve, he saved the situation with a drive that clipped the baseline and two games later served out for the set with barely a blink.

In the second game of the second set, two glorious backhands by Leconte gave him break points, only for Becker to respond with a telling lob and a kicking second service, and in the third game, Becker broke for 2-1 with a drive to the line which brought a pained questioning look from Leconte towards the linesman.

Excitement mounted when Leconte saved four set points at 5-4, but Becker served an ace for the fifth, and was seemingly out of reach at two sets to nil. Not so. A wonderful backhand cross-court pass and a forehand down the line gave Leconte a break for 2-0, and with services being held thereafter, emotion was on fire when he held his second set point for 6-3.

For a few games, Becker had seemed wooden, but at 3-2 in the fourth set, he played perhaps the best shot of the match, an acute cross-court backhand from the baseline which left Leconte open-mouthed.

With a double fault and netted stop volley by Leconte, and a teasing lob by Becker, the match had drifted beyond Leconte's reach at 4-2. The cheers, however, were not spent, and at 5-2, he saved two match points. Then his sun went down as Becker served out with a final ace.

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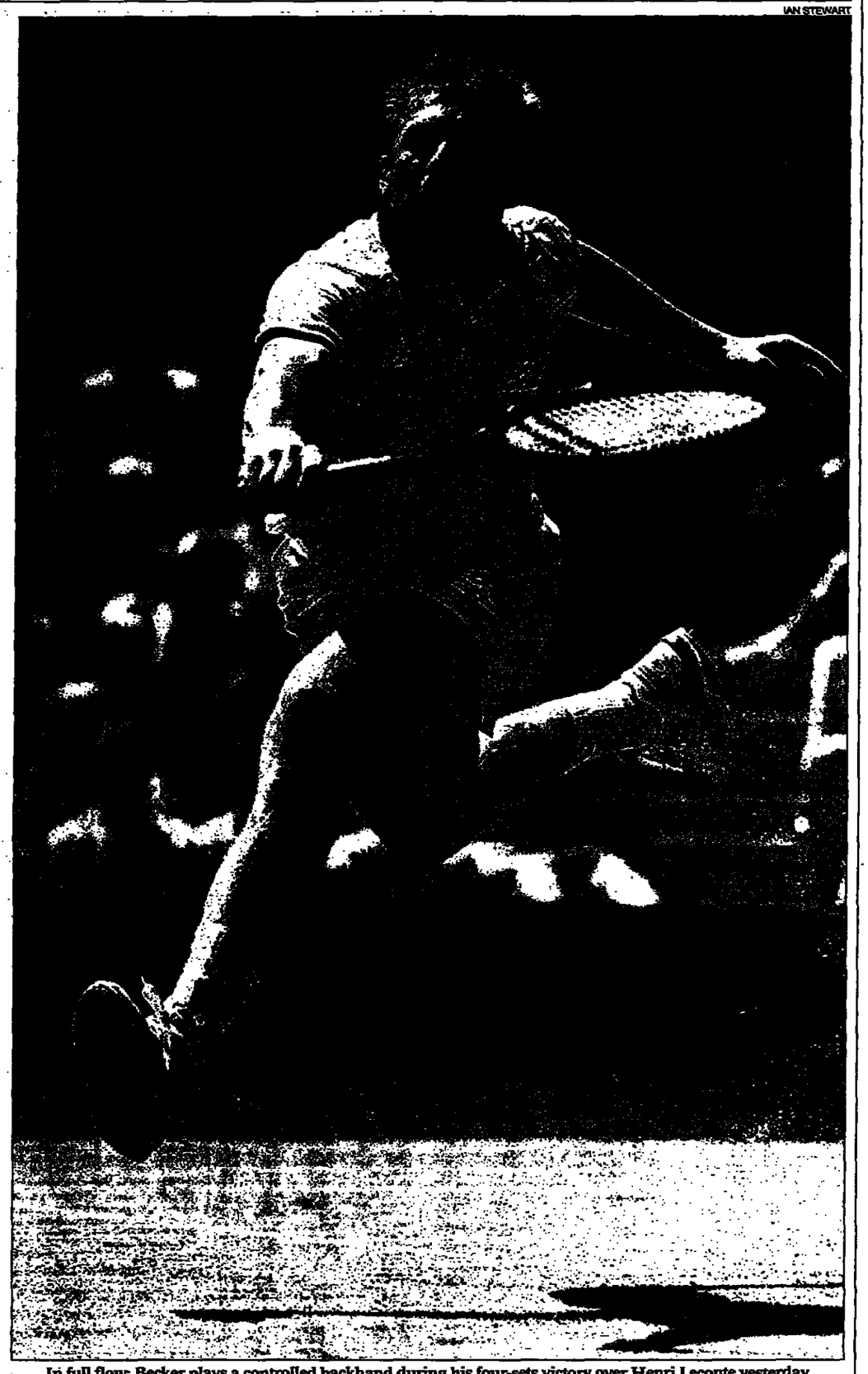
In full flow: Becker plays a controlled backhand during his four-sets victory over Henri Leconte yesterday

Devotion beyond the cause

SITTING by the phone in the international writers' room is a solitary soul. For days he has been there, and still nobody calls. Last week when Ivan Lendl made an early exit from the competition, the great man fled the club and raced to catch the first Concorde home to be with his wife for the birth of their fourth daughter.

To make the flight, he skipped the mandatory press conference leaving the hacks with nothing to write. But our intrepid international journo thought ahead, contacted British Airways and asked the pilot to give Lendl his phone number and a request to call at Lendl's earliest convenience. It's been five days now and still he waits.

Under where?

More than 30,000 spectators stream through the gates of the All England club daily yet customer care remains a priority. One lady called after a happy day on centre court asking an official if he had seen her glasses. At dead of night a minion was sent with flashlight in hand to scour the stands, returning empty-handed.

But it was not always so. A former assistant secretary to the club was once called at 11.30pm by a lady who had, in the scorching summer sun, removed her tights and left them by her seat. Her request that he might look for them brought the stern response: "Madam, retrieving ladies' underwear from the centre court is not within my responsibilities."

Just out

The questions asked of the club officials during the championships defy description. A frequent inquiry is, "who will be in the final?", usually asked around the first Tuesday. One polite, but misguided follower wrote, explaining:

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"I am an Egyptian living in London and wonder if you could send me a photo and profile of Drobney (sic) the 1954 champion for Egypt. I have enclosed a stamp." The club has done its best but felt honour-bound to point out that Drobny was the "Wimbledon champion for Czechoslovakia".

Dish of the day

Time passes slowly in the queues that snake around the grounds and any diversion is welcome. But when one of the stewards spotted a couple of women almost dressed in school uniform, fishnet stockings and stiletto heels, he was a little concerned as to what sort of diversion they were offering.

The stewards' handbook deals with most eventualities but in this case he was on his own. Trying to phrase his question in a manner appropriate to the All England club, everyone's blushes were spared when it turned out the ladies of the queue were merely advertising a London restaurant specialising in school meals.

Shaded view

A woman spectator learned at first hand yesterday how hard Goran Ivanisevic can hit a tennis ball after one of his smashes, during a doubles match on court four, struck her between the eyes, breaking her glasses. The woman, who was not hurt, watched the rest of the match in sunglasses.

Fine time

Jim Courier, who lost $7,500 worth of property when his Wimbledon house was burgled last week, lost some more money yesterday — this time for swearing. Courier was fined $1,500 for an audible obscenity during his match against Jason Stoltenburg on Saturday.

ALIX RAMSAY

Men's singles

Winner £305,000

Runner-up £152,000

Holder: A Agassi (US)

Fourth round

B BECKER (Ger) bt H Leconte (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

M STICH (Ger) bt P KORDA (Cz), 7-6, 6-4, 7-6.

T Martin (US) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-4, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5, 8-3.

S EDBERG (Swe) bt R Matuszewski (US), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

J COURIER (US) bt W FERREIRA (SA), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Men's doubles

Holders: J P McEnroe (US) and M Stich (Ger)

Third round

P T Hand (GB) and C Wilkinson (GB) bt B Garnett (US) and T J Middleton (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt H J Davids (Holl) and P Norval (SA), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

R Bergh (Swe) and B Talbot (SA) bt J L De Jager (SA) and M Ondruska (SA), 2-6, 6-1, 8-4, 6-3.

R Deppe (SA) and M Knowles (Bah) D T VISSER (SA) and L WARDER (Aus), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

P McENROE (US) and J STARK (US) bt D Di Lucia (US) and B MacPhie (US), 7-6, 6-3 7-6.

G CONNELL (Can) and P GALBRAITH (US) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) and M Rosset (Switz), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 2-6, 12-10.

Women's singles

Winner £275,000

Runner-up £137,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Fourth round

S GRAF (Ger) bt M J McGrath (US), 6-1, 6-4.

J CAPRIATI (US) bt L M Raymond (US), 4-6, 6-3, 8-6.

H SUKOVA (Cz) bt A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp), 6-3, 6-4.

C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt M Oremans (Holl), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

G SABATINI (Arg) bt A HUBER (Ger), 7-6, 6-0.

N Zvereva (Belarus) bt Z L Garrison-Jackson (US), 7-5, 6-2.

M NAVRATILOVA (US) bt N TAUZIAT (Fr), 6-1, 6-3.

Women's doubles

Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus)

Third round

J M HETHERINGTON (Can) and K S RINALDI (US) bt R McQuillan (Aus) and C Porwik (Ger), 6-1, 6-3.

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Belarus) bt M MALEEVA (Bul) and M MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE (Switz), 6-3, 6-1.

J A Faull (Aus) and J A Richardson (NZ) bt M Oremans (Holl) and C M Vis (Holl), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

Mixed doubles

Holders: C Suk (Cz) and Mrs L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat)

First round

M R J Petchey (GB) and Miss C J Wood (GB) bt K Jones (US) and Miss N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-2, 6-2.

J L De Jager (SA) and Miss C M Vis (Holl) w/o J Pugh (US) and Miss L Ferrando (It).

Second round

C SUK (Cz) and Mrs L NEILAND (Lat) bt D Adams (Aus) and Miss E Maniokova (Russ), 6-3, 6-4.

L B JENSEN (US) and Miss M J McGRATH (US) bt F Montana (US) and Miss E Iida (Japan), 6-3, 6-3.

T NIJSSEN (Holl) and Miss M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) bt B Shelton (US) and Miss L M McNeil (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

S Stolle and R Stubbs (Aus) bt R Bergh (Swe) and K Po (US), 6-3, 6-4.

Boys Singles

First round

L Rehmann (Ger) bt J A Fox (GB), 6-3, 6-3; R Wilz (Aut) bt L Sabin (GB), 7-6, 6-2; C N'goran (Ivory Coast) bt S S Koehler (HK), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; T Suzuki (Japan) bt F Kasecak (Slovakia), 7-5, 6-2; A Ille (Aus) bt M Hromec (Slovakia), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; D Van Scheppingen (Holl) bt R Lumsden (Jam), 6-0, 6-1; P G Martin (GB) bt A Savolt (Hun), 6-2, 7-6; J Szymanski (Pol) bt H Koll Frajord (Nor), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; J Salutov (Aus) bt C Vinck (Ger), 6-2, 6-3; B Ellwood (Aus) bt V Martins (Br), 6-3, 6-4.

Girls Singles

First round

J Steven (US) bt Z Csepo (Hun), 6-4, 6-1; R Grande (It) bt H A Shin (S Kor), 6-1, 6-2; L Richterova (Slovakia) bt S S Tse (GB), 7-5, 6-0; Y J Choi (S Kor) bt N De Villiers (SA), 6-2, 6-4; G Netikova (Cz) bt M Lopez (Arg), 7-5, 6-2; L Hilge (SA) bt P Kansuthi (Thai), 6-3, 6-1; M Gargutakova (Slovakia) bt E M Fletcher (GB), 6-3, 6-4; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt F Hearn (GB), 7-6, 6-2; M Hingis (Switz) bt L Cenkova (Cz), 6-3, 6-2; N Louarsabishvily (Geo) bt M Arbrate (Arg), 6-0, 6-0; B Castro (Chile) bt K Nugent (Ire), 7-5, 2-6, 7-5; F M La'o (Phil) bt M Miller (GB), 6-3, 6-2; L Courtois (Bel) bt M D Campana (Ec), 6-2, 6-3; S H Park (S Kor) bt A Pozdnyacova (Geo), 8-1, 6-1; H Rusch (Ger) bt C Black (Zim), 6-1, 6-2.

Martin wins dull comedy of errors

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IN ONE of the most stunning examples of mis-scheduling, Todd Martin took nearly four hours to beat David Wheaton 6-4, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in a mind-numbingly dull encounter of big services and horrendous errors.

It was, however, played out in front of a packed crowd as the 1,500 spectators awaited the arrival of Andrew Foster and Pete Sampras for the next match. The delay would not have helped Foster's nerves as he prepared for the biggest moment in his tennis career while Sampras, as No 1 seed, will not have been happy to have been left kicking his heels in the locker-room.

The match should have been over in four sets but Wheaton, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon two years ago, managed to double fault his way to defeat and prolong the agony in one of the least memorable matches of the championships.

There is little to separate the players in any shape or form. They have met four times before, with two wins each, and are physical giants of the game, Wheaton being two inches shorter at 6ft 4in. They are ranked four places apart on the computer and both had put out seeds in the previous rounds. Martin disposed of Ivanisevic in five sets on Saturday and Wheaton did the same to Chang. Even their home towns are in nearby states, Wheaton from Minnesota and Martin from Illinois.

The key to Martin's success against Ivanisevic had been to hold service and let the Croatian do the rest. Yesterday, the key was to stay awake as Wheaton, hardly the speediest of players, took an eternity to serve each point.

Martin, too, was painfully methodical, carefully arranging his enormous feet as a steady platform from which to launch another thundering service. At least it explained Wheaton's solo square dance on the baseline, trotting back and forth waiting for the service. It stopped him dozing off while awaiting the inevitable.

The match had all the ingredients of what is wrong with the grass-court game. It all hinged on aces and double faults and whose nerve would crack first. Returns were scarce and often misdirected while rallies were a positive novelty. The crowd was soon looking for other diversions, some craning their necks to watch the junior matches on the next-door court.

Martin's service had looked shaky at the outset, and he had to stave off three break-points in the opening games, but coming back from the dead is one of his party tricks. In Miami recently, he saved 34 of 36 break-points during the week and, having got over the initial hesitancy, he took the first set.

But Wheaton is nothing if not patient. As Martin made basic errors, he saw his chance and put Martin on the defensive with a handful of good returns to level the match and take an early break in the third. At last, Wheaton was beginning to wake up.

Wheaton: patient play

Martin suddenly found the net too high, dumping four volleys into it and losing nine points in succession to drop the set.

He had taken his time but Wheaton was finally pumped up. As Martin wavered, he found his target and his service had added venom to race to a 3-0 lead in the fourth set, shaking the crowd from its torpor. It was, however, a false dawn as Wheaton peppered his game with errors and double faults to hand Martin the fourth set.

When Martin broke for 4-2 in the fifth, it was thankfully all over. Wheaton had lost the heart to fight back and the crowd realised that their long wait was over and Foster was on his way.

☐ Reports that Monica Seles will be out of action for the rest of the year were quashed yesterday. Stephanie Tolleson, Seles's agent, said the reports were "completely inaccurate", although she admitted no decision had been made over her return to tournament play.

Seles missed the French Open and Wimbledon because of the knife wound sustained from a spectator at a tournament in Hamburg on April 30.

All Blacks drop Brooke for Pene

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN HAMILTON

HAS the penny dropped for New Zealand's selectors? Or, in this case, the Pene, since yesterday the Otago No 8, Arran Pene, was one of three changes made to the All Blacks XV that will contest the third and decisive international against the British Isles at Eden Park, Auckland, on Saturday.

Pene is the nearest New Zealand has come to re-inventing Wayne Shelford in the three years since dispensing with Shelford's services. The other important change is at centre, where Lee Stensness will make his debut in place of the player who scored the All Blacks' try in last weekend's 20-7 defeat, Eroni Clarke.

The New Zealand coaches have looked at the midfield and disliked what they saw. So instead of keeping Stensness back to tour England and Scotland in the autumn as understudy to Grant Fox – if, indeed, Fox makes himself available — they have promoted him now in the hope that he can add the zip to the back line that he has done this season for Auckland.

"I had set my sights on playing well in the national championship and getting on the tour later this year," Stensness, 22, said. "I'm surprised I have got my chance now."

Last year, when stand-off half for Manawatu in the second division, he scored two tries against Ireland and played twice for a New Zealand XV against England B; this year, in the first division, he has played alongside Fox and shown the ability to breach defences — including that of the Lions — that Fox lacks.

Pene, 25, won seven caps last season and now supercedes Zinzan Brooke in a pack in which Ian Jones is restored at lock in place of Mark Cooksley. "We need more punch close to the scrum," Earle Kirton, the New Zealand selector, said — though he is not to be taken literally.

Pene, a solid-framed student at Otago University, played in the Otago side that beat the Lions so convincingly and already has four international tries to his credit.

Whether the changes can compensate for the absence of tactical appreciation apparent in Wellington remains to be seen. Coupled with the lack of subtlety in midfield was a failure to stretch Gavin Hastings, the Lions captain, who the All Blacks knew to be suffering from a hamstring injury, and the poor direction of Sean Fitzpatrick, the captain, who left Brooke to make a series of forlorn raids from tapped penalties in the final quarter that earned nothing.

By contrast, the Lions have paid strict attention to detail. Their drift defence has worked magnificently, as has their organisation to capitalise on their lineout strength. Both Dewi Morris and Robert Jones, the scrum halves, have worked on kicks designed not to reach touch but to force the catcher either into making an error or finding touch himself, thereby conceding the throw to the lineout.

With the addition of Martin Johnson to the international side, the Lions are confident of winning their own ball and the bonus on Saturday was the winning of the first four New Zealand throws. "The Lions," Laurie Mains, the All Blacks coach, said, "have taught us heaps at the lineout," — which is a compliment to the developing skills, as well as the 6ft 10in physique, of Martin Bayfield.

If New Zealand lose on Saturday and also to Australia, whom they meet on July 17, their plans for the 1995 World Cup will suffer a severe blow.

NEW ZEALAND: J K R Timu (Otago); J J Kirwan (Auckland), F E Bunce (North Harbour), L Stensness (Auckland), V L Tuigamala (Auckland); G J Fox (Auckland), J P Preston (Wellington); C W Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), J W Joseph (Otago), R M Brooke (Auckland), I D Jones (North Auckland), M N Jones (Auckland), A R B Pene (Otago). Replacements: M J A Cooper (Waikato), A D Strachan (North Harbour), G W Dowd (North Harbour), M R Allen (Taranaki), M.S B Cooksley (Counties), Z V Brooke (Auckland).

☐ Doug Morgan has been appointed Scotland coach in succession to Ian McGeechan. Morgan, 46, the former Stewart's-Melville and Scotland scrum half, is expected to take Scotland through to the World Cup in 1995. Richie Dixon will be his assistant.

Redgrave goes for double top

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Redgrave, Britain's most successful oarsman, will race in two events at Henley Royal Regatta this week. Early risers yesterday were intrigued to see a coxless four in action with Redgrave in the No 3 seat and Matthew Pinsent, his coxless pairs partner, at bow.

Jürgen Grobler, the pairs coach, talked of relieving the boredom of rowing in the pair but then revealed that Redgrave will be replacing Tim Foster in the Leander and London University Stewards four.

Foster, who was at stroke, has suffered a back injury and Ben Hunt-Davis is now in the stroke seat.

Rupert Obholzer, a scheduled bow man, arrived when the crew were out on the water and was somewhat surprised but he will not be replaced by Pinsent and rowed in a later outing.

Questioned on the possibility of winning two more Henley medals to add to his ten, Redgrave said: "I have a long way to go yet," a reference to the record of 22 medals achieved by Guy Nickalls between 1885 and 1907.

Both Obholzer and the No 2 man, Richard Manners, said that the crew felt "very different" with Redgrave on board and his extra weight caused some re-rigging activity during the day.

Oxford University officials, whose Isis four in the Visitors was one of three crews reprimanded for bad behaviour in the qualifying races on Friday, offered to withdraw the crew from the regatta yesterday. The stewards did not accept their offer, although prominent warning notices in the boating area leave competitors in no doubt as to the outcome of any similar behaviour or language.

Whether the stewards can understand bad language in Japanese is debatable but they did show their kind-heartedness and support of rowing to the Mitsubishi double scull of Kato and Onishi yesterday.

The Japanese double failed to read the rules and did not arrive in time for their qualifying race on Friday. To avoid a wasted journey, the stewards have agreed to stage a private match between Mitsubishi and Webber and Bowie, of Marlow, the fastest of the losing qualifiers, after racing on Friday evening.

The recession has clearly hit the hospitality tent business at Henley. The regatta banks have taken on a rather greener hue, with the disappearance of a good proportion of the usual tentage, and the "green shoots" of recovery promised are visible only from an agricultural view.

But the lack of tentage does not affect the regatta's income this year as it is the last of an existing contract that is at present being renegotiated.

Whatever the outcome of the discussions, Richard Goddard, the regatta secretary, was not in an over-optimistic mood about the future yesterday.

"We can expect a very significant reduction in income from this source next year," he said.

Young sets all-time worst for pitchers

ANTHONY Young, a pitcher with the New York Mets baseball team, broke a record on Sunday, but it was the sort that only Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards could appreciate (Robert Kirley writes).

Young lost for the 24th time in a row to break an 82-year-old record as the St Louis Cardinals beat the Mets 5-3. Young, 24, has a record of no wins and ten losses after dropping his final 14 decisions last year while the Mets have lost 20 of their last 23.

"I'm glad this is over with," Young, in his second season, said. "Now, maybe the media will leave me alone. Now, maybe I can just go out there, relax and win my next game."

Jim Leyritz, Mike Stanley, Bernie Williams and Danny Tartabull, of the New York Yankees, hit home runs to beat Baltimore 9-5 and end the Orioles' six-game streak.

Three of the home runs were given up by the left-hander, John O'Donoghue, who was making his first major-league appearance. Baltimore lost for only the fourth time in 23 games. The Yankees won only once in the three-game series despite scoring 25 runs.

Roy Campanella, one of the first black players in the major leagues, died on Saturday of a heart attack in Los Angeles, aged 71. Campanella, an all-star catcher, joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1948, a year after Jackie Robinson broke the "colour barrier". Voted most valuable player in the National League three times, Campanella's career was ended by a car accident in 1958.

RAY STUBBLEBINE

Low pitch: Young, who extended his losing sequence to 24 in Sunday's defeat

NEWS IN BRIEF

Duff aims to block Benn-Eubank bout

THE return contest between Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank, scheduled for October 10, may be blocked by Mickey Duff, the London promoter (Srikumar Sen writes). Duff manages Henry Wharton, the World Boxing Council (WBC) No 1, who has the right of first challenge for Benn's title. Benn won the title from Mauro Galvano, of Italy, in October 1992 and must make a mandatory defence against Wharton this October, according to WBC rules.

"I will oppose the fight and am prepared to go to court," Duff said yesterday. "Wharton is the No 1 challenger. We wrote to José Sulaiman [the WBC president] but have not had a reply." Duff rejected suggestions that a financial inducement might make him step aside for the bout.

Francis Ampofo, the British flyweight champion, begins his quest for three titles with a challenge for the vacant Commonwealth crown against Albert Musankabala, of Zambia, at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, today.

Ozaki misses Open

GOLF: Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki, of Japan, and Bruce Lietzke, of the United States, are the only players among the top 50 in the world rankings not to have entered the Open Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich, in two weeks' time. Eleven former winners are taking part — Nick Faldo, the champion, Ian Baker-Finch, Severiano Ballesteros, Mark Calcavecchia, Sandy Lyle, Greg Norman, Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tom Weiskopf and Tony Jacklin. Lyle won the event when it was last played at Sandwich in 1985.

IndyCar plan hatched

MOTOR SPORT: The IndyCar series may stage a race at Brands Hatch next season. Nicola Foulston, the chief executive of Brands Hatch, said yesterday that she had been negotiating with Bill Stokkan, the IndyCar chairman, to stage the final event of the 1994 series at the circuit. "It would be great to have Nigel Mansell back at Brands Hatch," she said. "I am hoping to make an announcement shortly." Mansell finished second to Emerson Fittipaldi in the Budweiser/GI Joe's 200 in Portland, Oregon, on Sunday and extended his lead over Raul Boesel to 14 points.

Thirlestane chosen

EQUESTRIANISM: Bridget Parker, chairman of Britain's three-day event selection committee, explained yesterday why she chose the Scottish championships at Thirlestane on August 21 and 22 as the venue for the final trial for the European championships, rather than the British Open at Gatcombe. "The terrain there is excellent," she said. "It's no secret that I wasn't happy with conditions at Gatcombe."

☐ Britain will be represented by John and Michael Whitaker, Nick Skelton, David Broome and Mark Armstrong in the Nations Cup in Germany this week.

Kelly left out of Tour

CYCLING: Sean Kelly, the veteran Irish rider, has been left out of the Tour de France, which starts on Saturday, by his Spanish-based team, Lotus-Festina. Had he been selected, it would have been his fifteenth Tour; his first was in 1978. Kelly, 37, collected his last stage victory in 1982 but still holds the record of winning the green points jersey four times. He plans a two-week break before preparing for the world professional road-race championship in Oslo at the end of August. After that, he is likely to announce his retirement from competition.

London clubs team up

SQUASH: Lambs and Cannons, respectively reigning champions and founding members, are planning a joint London challenge for the premier league next season. With Cannons dismantling their glass showcourt in a £3 million refurbishment programme, Ron Clarke, the managing director, has offered Chris Dittmar, the world No 2, and Peter Nicol, the Scottish champion, to Mike Corby, owner of the Lambs club, in exchange for corporate hospitality next season. "We are dedicated rivals but this strikes me as a potentially attractive piece of city co-operation," Corby said.

Championship venue

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Stones Bitter championship will carry a rich additional incentive, with the winners of the first division next season meeting the Winfield Cup champions in the first World Club championship to be staged in Australia. A Great Britain team will compete for the first time in the World Sevens in Sydney next February. The Rugby Football League (RFL) said yesterday that Wales and Russia could yet be included in the eight-nation 1995 World Cup in Britain. Jim Mills, the Widnes chairman, confirmed that Warrington had made a move for Jonathan Davies.

Keen signs for Wolves

FOOTBALL: Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday made their third close-season signing when they captured the West Ham United midfield player, Kevin Keen. Keen had talks with the first division club last Wednesday and asked for time to think over the move. He returned to Molineux yesterday to sign a three-year contract, with the fee likely to be determined by a tribunal. West Ham want £750,000. This takes Wolves' close-season spending to more than £2 million. David Kelly cost £750,000 from Newcastle United and Geoff Thomas £800,000 from Crystal Palace.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 3, Atlanta Braves 0. Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3 (10 inns); St Louis Cardinals 5, New York Yankees 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Chicago Cubs 1, Cincinnati Reds 7, San Diego Padres 1 (11 inns); San Francisco Giants 5, Colorado Rockies 0; Florida Marlins 9, Montreal Expos 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 8, Detroit Tigers 2; New York Yankees 9, Baltimore Orioles 5; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4; Minnesota Twins 5, California Angels 0; Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle Mariners 4; Cleveland Indians 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 4, Oakland A's 0.

National League

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	51	23	689	—
St Louis	43	30	589	7½
Montreal	39	35	527	12
Pittsburgh	36	37	493	14½
Chicago	34	38	472	16
Florida	34	40	459	17
New York	21	52	288	29½
West division				
San Francisco	51	25	671	—
Atlanta	42	34	553	9
Houston	38	36	521	11½
Los Angeles	38	36	521	11½
Cincinnati	36	40	474	15
San Diego	33	36	387	21½
Colorado	26	48	351	24

American League

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	30	605	—
Detroit	43	31	581	2
New York	43	33	566	3
Baltimore	40	34	541	5
Boston	36	38	486	9
Cleveland	33	42	440	12½
Milwaukee	31	45	408	15½
West division				
Chicago	39	33	542	—
California	37	36	507	2½
Kansas City	37	36	507	2½
Seattle	36	39	480	4½
Texas	33	39	458	6
Minnesota	31	40	437	7½
Oakland	29	41	414	9

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group E (in Karlsruhe): Spain 86, Latvia 67; Italy 74, Bosnia-Herzegovina 72; Russia 84, Greece 67. Group F (in Berlin): France 73, Estonia 62; Croatia 70, Germany 63; Turkey 68, Belgium 59.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Wellington: Cheshire 196-6 dec (A J Hall 85, J D Gray 53) and 59-4; Shropshire 100 (G Miller 5-26). Jesmond: Lincolnshire 202-8 (D A Crinsmas 50 not out, I E Conn 4-48) and 26-0. Northumberland 175-7 dec (J B Barret 73 not out). Chelfone and Chilcombe: Wiltshire 225-5 dec (L K Smith 83, K P Tomlins 81 not out) and 27-1; Oxfordshire 225-7 dec (R J Cunliffe 117 not out). Leighton Buzzard: Buckinghamshire 159 (T J A Scriven 72; P D Thomas 5-35) and 36-1; Bedfordshire 149-8 dec. Dorchester: Devon 186-8 dec (R I Dawson 53; Dorset 138-6 (T W Richings 78). Pontardulais: Berkshire 200-7 dec (A Smith 5-64) and 24-2. Wales Minor Counties 240-7 dec (D L Hemp 65, C Bell 62, P J Lewington 5-99).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Band of Brothers 210-6 (M Ryeland 105 not out), *King's, Canterbury 168-5, Batley GS 197-6, (R Burton 114). *Woodhouse Grove 198-3, *Bedford Modern 181-8, Haberdashers' Aske's 170-7 (Hanna 97 not out); *Berkhamsted 205, Merchant Taylors 210-4, *Bishop's Stortford 194-5, Newport GS 135-6, Blundell's 216-8 (I Bransden 111), *Sherborne 120; Bradfield 177, *St Edward's 175, *Bryanston 182-7, Milton Abbey 60; *Caterham 236-6 (G Owen 115 not out), Radford Col Canberra 71, Caterham 238-6, *Christ's Hosp 145, *Colchester RGS 224-8, St Joseph's 194-5; Colston's 227, *Wellington, Somerset 229-9, *Dover 199-9, Sir Roger Manwoods 128-6, *Dulwich 190-9, St Paul's 168-6; *Enfield GS 179-6, Bancroft 124-6, *Epsom 179-6, Eastbourne 118. Forty Club 203-4, *Kimbolton 205-5, *Framlingham 207-8, Old Framlinghamians 191, George Watson's Col 60, *Lorreto 63-1; *Hamilton 172, Colfe's 173-6, *Judd 104-9, Cranbrook 154-9, KCS Old Boys 258-2 (J Panch 139 not out), *KCS 233-9 (B Howland 94); *King's, Taunton 208-5, Taunton 182 (T Phillips 101); Lancing 230-5, *Hurstpierpoint 216-8; Llandovery 211-6, *Christ Coll, Brecon 105-4; MCC 127, *Magdalen CS, Oxford 131-3; Monkton Combe 183, *King's, Bruton 186-2; *Monmouth 202 (Anu Mohindru 116), Clifton 203-5; *Newcastle-under-Lyme 180-4, Sandbach 89-4; Old Brentwoods 177-9, *Brentwood 177-7; Old Brentwoods 121, *Brentwood 122-3; Old Kimboltonians 232-6, Kimbolton 233-5; Old Lawrentians 190-8, *St Lawrence, Ramsgate 194-5; Old Leightonians 170, *Leyton Park 172-7; *Old Suttonians 172, Sutton Valence 173-7; Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 176, *Mill Hill 177-4; *Queen's, Taunton 172-8 (A R Jones 107), Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bristol 110-6; *RGS Guildford 200-9, St Dunstan's 184-8; RGS High Wycombe 128-7, *Oratory 127-4; Repton 214-8, *Uppingham 201-6; *Rutish 140-7, City of London Freemans 135-4; *St Edward's, Oxford 207-6, Marlborough 162-6 (G Murgia 105 not out); *St George's, Weybridge 238 (C Fletcher 114), Westford HS, South Africa 259-7; *St John's 133 (N Read 7-50), Cranleigh 134-4; Skinners 181-6 (Baldock 116), *Maidstone 176, Solihull 230-4, *RGS Worcester 231-6; The Leys 205-3, *Perse 71-4; *Tiffin 217-5, Reigate 184-8; Tonbridge 97, *Eton 98-7; UCS 148, *Aldenham 149-7.

* denotes home team

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asia zone: Group B: Iran 1, Syria 1.

COPA AMERICA: Quarter-finals: Mexico 4, Peru 2; Argentina 1, Brazil 1 (Argentina won 6-5 on penalties).

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (Eng), 21.38pts avg; 2, B Langer (Ger), 18.58; 3, N Price (Zim), 14.59; 4, F Couples (US), 14.44; 5, G Norman (Aus), 14.33; 6, P Azinger (US), 13.14; 7, I Woosnam (Wales), 12.08; 8, J M Olazabal (Sp), 11.27; 9, J Cook (US), 10.71; 10, T Kite (US), 10.26; 11, M McNulty (Zim), 10.19; 12, M Ozaki (Japan), 9.91; 13, D Love (US), 9.70; 14, P Stewart (US), 9.02; 15, C Pavin (US), 8.77; 16, S Elkington (Aus), 8.06; 17, M O'Meara (US), 8.00; 18, D Frost (SA), 7.75; 19, C Montgomerie (Scot), 7.74; 20, L Janzen (US), 7.26.

EUROPEAN RYDER CUP TABLE: 1, B Lane (Eng), 337,347.75pts; 2, M James (Eng), 317,842.08; 3, C Montgomerie (Scot), 316,836.78; 4, B Langer (Ger), 309,041.48; 5, N Faldo (Eng), 255,702.50; 6, S Torrance (Scot), 255,765.95; 7, C Rocca (It), 257,185.25; 8, J Spence (Eng), 228,690.31; 9, P Broadhurst (Eng), 225,929.29; 10, J Haeggman (Swe), 224,106.76; 11, G Brand Jr (Scot), 212,109.45; 12, D Gilford (Eng), 211,716.57; 13, J Payne (Eng), 205,920.84; 14, J M Olazabal (Sp), 204,378.14; 15, M Roe (Eng), 203,650.41; 16, S Richardson (Scot), 193,278.41; 17, A Lyle (Scot), 188,803.68; 18, M A Jiménez (Sp), 182,590.32; 19, R Rafferty (N Ire), 168,955.16; 20, I Woosnam (Wales), 165,331.87.

CROMWELL, Connecticut: Greater Hartford Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 271: N Price (Zim), 67, 70, 69, 65. 272: D Foreman, 66, 69, 72, 65; R Maltbie, 65, 71, 71, 65. 274: C Pavin, 67, 65, 73, 69. 275: M Springer, 69, 65, 73, 68; K Perry, 68, 69, 70, 68. 277: B Kamm, 69, 75, 69, 64; J Cook, 73, 68, 71, 65; R Mediate, 68, 70, 72, 67; D Pooley, 70, 70, 66, 71. 278: B Fleisher, 71, 65, 73, 69; D Love III, 72, 70, 68, 68; S Gump, 73, 67, 69, 69; F Conner, 71, 70, 68, 69; J Huston, 68, 69, 72, 71. 279: B Faxon, 67, 71, 73, 68; D Peaga, 71, 70, 72, 66; K Clearwater, 68, 68, 73, 72; S Lowary, 67, 68, 72, 72.

SOMERS POINT, New Jersey: LPGA tournament: Leading final scores (all US): 204: S Hamlin, 67, 67, 70. 206: J Dickinson, 68, 70, 67; A Benz, 72, 66, 68; E Daniel, 70, 67, 69. 207: M Faulconer, 71, 68, 68; D Ammacappane, 69, 69, 69. 208: B Burton, 67, 74, 67; A Post, 67, 73, 68. 209: A Ridgeway, 72, 70, 67; M McGeorge, 71, 67, 71.

DEARBORN, Michigan: Seniors tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 278: J Colbert, 67, 72, 70, 69. 279: R Floyd, 68, 72, 71, 68. 280: A Geiberger, 72, 73, 69, 66. 281: R Thompson, 69, 71, 70, 72. 283: J Pirrez, 72, 69, 70, 72; I Aoki (Japan), 71, 69, 71, 72; R Charles (NZ), 66, 74, 70, 73. 284: J Dent, 73, 75, 67, 69; L Gilbert, 70, 76, 66, 70. 285: T Weskopf, 70, 71, 74, 70.

NEWPORT: Welsh women's open stroleplay championship: Leading final scores: 221: N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), 76, 71, 74; J Hall (Fleestowe Ferry), 75, 71, 75 (Hall won play-off). 225: C Lambert (North Berwick), 73, 74, 78. 224: S Burnell (Bernham and Barrow), 76, 74, 74. 225: K Tebbet (East Devon), 78, 74, 73; V Thomas (Pennard), 76, 73, 76. 226: A Rogers (The Island), 75, 77, 74; M McKay (Turnberry), 72, 78, 76. 227: L Walton (Calcot Park), 76, 75, 74; A O'Sullivan (Monkstown), 76, 83, 74. 228: S Morgan (Coventry Hearsall), 77, 76, 75.

MOTO-CROSS

CORK: Irish 250cc grand prix: First race: 1, G Albertyn (SA), Honda; 2, S Evans (Bel), Suzuki; 3, K Nicoll (Eng), Honda. Second race: 1, Evans; 2, Albertyn; 3, Johansson. Third race: 1, Evans; 2, Albertyn; 3, Nicoll. Overall on day: 1, Evans, 57pts; 2, Albertyn, 54; 3, Johansson, 37. World championship positions (after 10 rounds): 1, Albertyn, 485pts; 2, Evans, 370; 3, D Schmit (US), Yamaha, 314; 4, Nicoll, 250.

MOTOR RACING

PORTLAND, Oregon: Budweiser-GI Joe's 200 IndyCar race (102 laps: US unless stated): 1, E Fittipaldi (Br), 2hr 3min 54.63sec; 2, N Mansell (GB), 4.369sec behind; 3, P Tracy (Can), 10.285sec; one lap behind: 4, B Rahal; 5, A Unser Jr; 6, M Andretti; two laps: 7, R Boesel (Br); 8, R Gordon; 9, M Groff; three laps: 10, A Luyendyk (Holl). Overall positions: 1, Mansell, 87pts; 2, Boesel, 74; 3, Fittipaldi, 71; 4, Andretti, 65; 5, Rahal, 58; 6, Luyendyk. Overall positions: 1, Mansell, 86pts; 2, Boesel, 74; 3, Fittipaldi, 71; 4, Andretti, 65; 5, Rahal, 58.

MOTOR SPORT

FINTRAY, Scotland: Gulf Oil Hill Climber Championship: 1, R Lane (Fibearm), 26.33sec; 2, D Grace (Fibearm), 26.56; 3, M Colton (Roman), 27.04. Overall (after nine rounds): 1, Lane 93pts; 2, Carlton 66; 3, Grace, 64.

COLEMAN TYRES STAGES (Lincolnshire): 1, M Stephenson (Escort), 1hr 41min 53sec; 2, W Smith (Escort), 1.42.58; 3, S Stack (Mitsubishi Starion) 1.48.07.

YSEL STAGES (Cumbria): 1, A Ludlam (Opel Ascona), 47min 36sec; 2, G Hall (Escort), 48.21; 3 M Fox (Fiesta) 48.45.

TOUR OF CRYCHAN (Wales): 1, J Armstrong (Vauxhall Nova), 43min 51sec; 2, P Bainbridge (Vauxhall Astra), 44.11; 3, J Robson (Nissan Sunny), 45.05.

CORACLE STAGES (Wales): 1, M Jones (Mitsubishi Galant), 40min 43sec; 2, P Squires (Escort), 41.42; 3, I Jones (Escort), 42.19.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Gold Coast 18, St George 26; Parramatta 22, Western Suburbs 6; Newcastle 21, Balmain 14; Canterbury 17, North Sydney 18; South Sydney 26, Penrith 30; Canberra 36, Illawarra 18; Manly 24, Brisbane 8; Cronulla 8, Eastern Suburbs 20.

POWERBOATING

CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE: Formula One grand prix: 1, F Bocca (It), 20pts; 2, G Cappellini (It), 17; 3, M Werner (Ger), 15; 4, S Kerton (GB), 13; 5, G Karlof (Swe), 11; 6, J Jones (GB), 10. World championship positions: 1, Cappellini, 84pts; 2, Kerton, 39.5; 3, Werner, 38.5; 4, Jones, 29; 5, T Eriksson (Swe), 22; Karlof, 22.

SHOOTING

LISBON: World championships: Individual men: 1, G Dagueau, 181pts; 2, R Faulds, 179; 3, M Rouse, 177. Individual women: 1, A Hillyer, 154; 2, E Barnes, 151. Individual junior: 1, R Faulds, 178; 2, J P Mordefroid (Fr). Team: Men: 1, GB (S Clarke, S Whitelock, M Rouse, J Wells). Women: 1, France; 2, GB (A Hillyer, J Horsfall, K Dinsage). Juniors: 1, France; 2, GB (R Faulds, J Elsey, B Frankham). Veterans: 1, GB (D Payne, J Ling, G Harrison); 2, Portugal.

TRIATHLON

SAINT JEAN DE MONTS, France: International meeting (1.5km swim, 40km cycle ride, 10km run): 1, C Sly (Aus), 1hr 54min 58sec; 2, S Becue (Fr), 1.56.51; 3, S Lebirs (Fr), 1.57.11.

COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

June 21 Sedgwick Aviation Ltd (at Muswell Hill)
1, P McGloin, 34pts;
2, G Page, 34
3, C Searle, 31.
Top guest: P Cox, 38
Aggregate score: 137

June 21 Household Mortgage (at Coombe Hill)
1, L Anderson, 37pts;
2, D Young, 33
3, C McLaren, 29.
Top guest:
P Dorrington-Ward, 33
Aggregate score: 132

June 21 Vizards (at Bentley)
1, R Harrison, 33pts;
2, C O'Brien, 30
3, M Mitchell, 27.
Top guest: N Gregory, 41
Aggregate score: 131

June 22 Iceland Frozen Foods (at Mottram Hall)
1, R Parry, 37pts;
2, J Berry, 35
3, D Evans, 33.
Top guest: B Glover, 33
Aggregate score: 138

June 23 Bowater Containers (Heavy Duty) Ltd (at Breadsall Priory)
1, A Chamberlain, 38pts;
2, G Parrott, 33
3, T Gibbons, 29.
Top guest: R Hewitt, 37
Aggregate score: 137

June 23 Casson Beckman (at Porters Park)
1, P Ohrenstein, 36pts;
2, C Taylor, 25
3, R Shashowe, 25.
Top guest: D Marshall, 40
Aggregate score: 126

June 24 SCC Limited (at Ashton-under-Lyme)
1, P McDaid, 30pts;
2, M O'Donnell, 29
3, P Leach, 26.
Top guest:
P Ainsworth, 37
Aggregate score: 122

June 24 Reuters (at Leatherhead)
1, M Elliott, 37pts;
2, M Williams, 37
3, P Tomblin, 37;
4, N Houlden, 36
Aggregate score: 147

June 25 Lancastrian Labels Ltd (at West Lancashire)
1, D Vaux, 29pts;
2, F Ellis, 24
3, J Bambery, 18.
Top guest: D Knowles, 36
Aggregate score: 107

June 25 Dayco Europe Ltd (at Stourbridge)
1, S Billington, 33pts;
2, P Tromans, 31
3, M Jonas, 30.
Top guest: B Gough, 35
Aggregate score: 129

June 25 Imperial Ford (at Kenwick Park)
1, P Huxford, 34pts;
2, T McVeigh, 27
3, C Storr, 27.
Top guest: G Cook, 35
Aggregate score: 123

June 25 N Ireland Civil Service (at Lurgan)
1, J McBride, 37pts;
2, S Quinn, 36
3, G Noble, 35;
4, S Kennedy, 34
Aggregate score: 142

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday July 3

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
X Bentleigh v Chelsea
1 Box Hill v Clonnda
X C Alen Hill v Nunawading
1 Moorabbin v Doveton
2 Sandringham v Sunbury
X S Caulfield v Waverley
1 Springvale U v E Brunswick

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
1 Dandenong v Moorabbin
2 Elsham v S Dandenong
1 Essendon v Melbourne
2 Geelong v Keilor
X Pascoe Vale v Lalor Utd
1 Regent v Cono
1 S Werribee v Fitzroy

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
1 Coburg v Boronia
X E Altona v Rosanna
2 Geelong v Cranbourne
2 Langwarrin v S Springvale
1 Malvern v Kannga
2 SH Polonia v Yarraville

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 Ballarat v Yallourn
1 Brandon Pk v Berwick
1 E Geelong v Williamstn
2 Forest Hill v Westvale
1 Frankstn U v Springvale C
1 Heidelberg v Latrobe
2 S Wantirna v Melton

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
2 E Richmond v Wantirna
2 Hampton Pk v N Glenroy
2 Hoppers v N Sunshine
2 Roysbora v Monbulk
1 Knox Park v Lyndale
1 Old Scotch v Glenroy

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Athena v Stirling M
X Bassendean v Kelmscott
X Bayswater v Somerset
2 Fremantle v Inglewood
1 Kingsway v Osborne Pk
X Rockingham v N Perth

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Dianella v Armadale Pk
2 Queens Pk v Morley
1 Stirling T v Gosnells
1 S Verdun v North Lake
2 Swan Crac v Melville
1 Swan IC v Balga
X Wanneroo v Ashfield

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Annerley v Albany
X University v Latrobe

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
1 Clarvaux v Ipswich
X Oxley v Kenmore
2 Pine Hills v Brighton D
1 Virginia v Deception

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRST DIVISION
X Liverpool v Auburn
1 Mt Pritchard v Belmore

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION
1 Nelson v Metro
2 Phoenix v Hawrah
X PO Saints v Kingborough
1 Rapid v Dosa

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bentleigh, Clifton Hill, Sth Caulfield, Pascoe Vale, E Altona, Bassendean, Bayswater, Wanneroo, University, Oxley, Liverpool, PO Saints.

BEST DRAWS: Bentleigh, Pascoe Vale, Bassendean, Wanneroo, Oxley.

AWAYS: South Dandenong, Keilor, South Springvale, Westvale, Wantirna, North Glenroy, North Sunshine, Monbulk.

HOMES: Moorabbark, Regent, Ballarat, Frankston United, Knox Park, Old Scotch, Athena, Kingsway, Annerley, Clarvaux, Virginia, Rapid.

☐ Vince Wright

Vince Wright forecast 11 out of 12 home wins last Saturday

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FIXTURES

CRICKET
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Knypersley: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Philadelphia CC: Durham v Leicestershire; Wickford: Essex v MCC YC's; Thrig: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire; Hove: Sussex v Surrey; Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Radlett: Hertfordshire v Staffordshire (final day of two); Colwall: Herefordshire v Cheshire (first day of two).

OTHER SPORT
BOXING: Vacant Commonwealth flyweight championship: Francis Ampofo v Albert Musankabala (Zambia) (Grosvenor House Hotel, London).
GOLF: Glenmur club professionals' championship (Coventry).
TENNIS: All England Championships (Wimbledon).

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Black's loose knight on h4 provides the key: 1 Nf6! and neither 1 ... Ng2+ 2 Kf1 nor 1 ... Ng6 2 Bxg6 help.

Answers from page 44

CLEON

(b) Or Kleon, died 422 BC, an Athenian demagogue at the time of the Peloponnesian War, by trade a tanner, violent and dominating by character, determined to win power by his ascendancy over the people. It must be remembered that he is known to us chiefly by the writings of his enemies, notably Aristophanes.

GERYON

(c) In Greek mythology, the son of the gorgon Chrysaor. He was a three-headed or three-bodied monster, rich in cattle, who lived on an island in the stream Oceanus, in the far west, with his herdsman Eurytion and his formidable dog Orthrus.

ANNA COMNENA

(b) Born 1083, daughter of the Byzantine emperor Alexius I Comnenus, a learned and ambitious woman. She married Nicephorus Bryennius, and after her father's death conspired to place him on the throne in place of her brother. The conspiracy was defeated, and she was banished. In her exile she wrote a life of her father, the *Alexiad*, in 15 books, the first Greek historical work by a woman. It includes an account of the First Crusade.

OGYGIA

(a) The island of the goddess Calypso in the *Odyssey*, where, at the beginning of the poem, she has detained him for seven years, and would like to make him immortal like herself. But he is nostalgic for his mortal life and wife on Ithaca. Ogygia is represented as being far away to the westward, beyond Scheria, the land of the Phaeacians. Literal-minded people, who cannot distinguish poetry from history, have located Ogygia everywhere from Sicily to the Isle of Wight.

Disappointing Derby favourite seeks to put record straight in Eclipse Stakes

Tenby primed for demands of Sandown

By Julian Muscat

TENBY, the odds-on favourite for the Derby when only tenth behind stablemate Commander In Chief, will attempt to rebuild his shattered reputation in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday.

Khaled Abdulla's colt became only the fifth odds-on shot this century to taste defeat in the premier classic. That his stock has tumbled dramatically is shown by the fact that he was one of 12 declared at yesterday's acceptance stage for a race which marks the first significant encounter between the three-year-olds and their elders.

Henry Cecil, Tenby's trainer, suggested the reason for the horse's poor performance might have been that Tenby managed to work his tongue over his bit. This could have upset the colt's breathing pattern, and Cecil will be taking measures to prevent it happening again.

Asked if he would be tying down Tenby's tongue, Cecil said: "We don't believe in that. We might tighten up his bit, even though it was tight enough for the Derby. Or we might use a slightly different bit on him; one which is kind on his mouth. Let's hope we don't have to make excuses for him again."

Tenby's tongue could clearly be seen hanging from the side of his mouth at Epsom, so Cecil's reasoning is certainly plausible.

However, Tenby appears to face a stiffer examination on Saturday. Against him will be Barathea, the French colt Arcangues, Environment Friend, Fatherland, and possibly Opera House and User Friendly.

Barathea, five places ahead of Tenby in the Derby, is universally favoured by the bookmakers, although Ladbrokes's offer of 2-1 is a full point shorter than that of Corals. Similarly, Tenby, 100-30 with Corals, is 4-1 with Ladbrokes.

However, there are doubts about the participation of four of the 12 declared, with the dry weather against Alhijaz, Great Palm and User Friendly. Opera House, winner of the Coronation Cup and second in last year's Eclipse, has an alternative target in Sunday's *Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud*.

The French race is also on Clive Brittain's agenda for User Friendly, a below-par fourth behind Opera House in the Coronation Cup on her seasonal debut. "User Friendly will run this weekend but at the moment Paris looks more likely than Sandown," Brittain said yesterday. "Wherever she goes, she will find quite a few lengths on her last run. We've had a virus in the yard which has stopped the horses' lungs expanding properly."

Environment Friend, who sprang a 28-1 surprise when winning the Eclipse two years ago, is a definite runner. Now with second-season trainer Nigel Wright, the five-year-old has completed his stint in the breeding barns, a sideline that seems to have had a positive effect on his racecourse performance.

"He has two ways of running and there have been one or two melodramatic theories as to the reasons for that," Wright said yesterday. "All I can say is that the horse is in good spirits and we are hopeful."

Meanwhile, Commander In Chief and Hernando suffered no ill effects from their confrontation in the Irish Derby on Sunday. Hernando is to be rested for a tilt at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, while Commander In Chief has all options open to him.

"We'll wait to see how Henry Cecil assesses the horse's condition and he will advise us on where he'd like to go next," Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, said yesterday.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: QUEEN'S TRUST
(2.15 Folkestone)
Nb: Checkpoint Charlie
(3.45 Folkestone)

Fallen hero: Tenby, flanked by Blues Traveller and Bob's Return, holds a prominent position at Epsom before weakening into tenth

SANDOWN ENTRIES

4.05 CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES
(Group I: £250,000 minimum value: 1m 2f 7yd) (12 declared)

1 04312-16 ALHIJAZ (C) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 4-9-7 —
2 82010-01 ARCANGUES (D) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 5-9-7 T Jarnet
3 0653-82 ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (CD) (W Gredley) N Wright 5-9-7 G Duffield
4 1235-120 EZZOUD (C) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-7 W Swinburn
5 021821 GREAT PALM (D) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-7 A Munro
6 110-3131 KARINGA BAY (D) (K Higson) G Moore 6-9-7 B Rouse
7 0431-132 MISIL (D) (S Laghi) V Caruso (It) 5-9-7 L Dettori
8 15321-21 OPERA HOUSE (CD) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 5-9-7 —
9 111126-4 USER FRIENDLY (CD) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-4 —
10 11-4215 BARATHEA (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-10 —
11 1115-220 FATHERLAND (R Lewis) M V O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-10 L Piggott
12 111-110 TENBY (D,BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-10 Pat Eddery

Latest betting (Coral): 3-1 Barathea, 100-30 Tenby, 7-2 Opera House, 10-1 Arcangues, Environment Friend, User Friendly, 14-1 Great Palm, Fatherland, 20-1 Ezzoud, Misil, 25-1 others.

(Ladbrokes): 2-1 Barathea, 4-1 Tenby, 6-1 Arcangues, Opera House, 8-1 Environment Friend, 10-1 User Friendly, 12-1 Great Palm, 14-1 Misil, 16-1 Fatherland, 20-1 Alhijaz, 25-1 others.

Owners briefed on VAT

RACEHORSE owners wishing to recoup VAT must complete the necessary documents by October 22 (Julian Muscat writes).

Details of the registration process will be circulated by an industry steering group in the next few days so that owners can claim VAT backdated to March 16, when the then chancellor, Norman Lamont, announced the VAT concession in his budget.

Owners failing to complete the registration process by the October deadline will forfeit their entitlement to reclaim backdated VAT.

A series of road shows, taking in Nottingham, London, Pontefract, Ayr and Worcester, has been organised to help owners clarify their position.

Additionally, Britain's auctioneers are expected to outline the advantages of VAT registration in their sales catalogues.

Denmark victory may seal British place

European Cup 5,000 metres triumph provides answer for critics of British distance running

ROB Denmark has virtually guaranteed himself a place in Britain's world championship athletics team with his European Cup 5,000 metres victory in Rome.

Denmark, 24, accelerated into the British elite with an assured performance which suggested he could make an impression in Stuttgart in August.

It was the reward for a fierce determination to answer the critics — Brendan Foster among them — who reckoned British distance runners were more interested in chasing money on the roads than honours on the track.

The win was also the product of quality winter work put in to build on his seventh place in last season's Olympic Games.

Denmark said: "I believe I came on in leaps and bounds during the winter. No one trained harder than me and no one wants success more than me. I deliberately kept quiet through the criticism because I wanted to let my running do the real talking. I believe I have now answered those who doubted and criticised me."

Denmark has been assured there is no need for him to run a 5,000 at Britain's World Championship trials in Birmingham next month, but plans to be there anyway, probably in a 3,000 metres race "I'm certainly not going to turn into a *prima donna* because of this," he added. "I'll turn up and I'll enjoy the meeting."

Britain were disappointed by a second successive near miss in the European Cup, finishing second

Denmark: determined

again, four points behind Russia in the men's event. But their big guns were blazing away as usual with the hurdlers, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, setting world best times for the season to encourage real hope for gold in Stuttgart.

Linford Christie and John Regis again proved they have no peers in Europe, while the promise of Denmark, and David Grindley at 400 metres, keeps the pot boiling.

Britain stage next year's European Cup in Birmingham, and the World Cup later in the year, probably at Crystal Palace.

The African championships, which ended in Durban on Sunday, featured three of the world's fastest times this year but the success of the event was dampened by several notable absentees.

Maria Mutola, of Mozambique, and the Kenyans, Simon Chemoiywo and William Sigei, raced their way to year's bests.

But only nine of the 22 African medal-winners in athletics competition at last year's Barcelona Olympics made the trip to Durban, resulting in poor attendances at the revamped King's Park stadium in the city.

Among those missing were the double Olympic sprint medal-winner, Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, the men's 400 metres hurdles world champion, Samuel Matete, and Kenya's men's 10,000 metres champion, Richard Chelimo.

Fredericks missed a flight connection and was stranded in Namibia during the championships.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Mardood
2.30 Dakar Rally
3.00 Kithanga
3.30 Quick Silver Boy
4.00 **MY LIFETIME LADY** (nap)
4.30 Lady Broker
5.00 Anatroccolo

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 KITHANGA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (BACK STRAIGHT FIRM) SIS
DRAW: 6F 16YD-1M 14YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LION'S LODGE HANDICAP (£2,835: 2m 2f 33yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 00-0002 CHUCKLESTONE 4 (F,G) (M O'Connor) J King 10-10-0 T Quinn 96
2 (1) 0/301-00 ELEGANT KING 10 (S) (L Fust) A Jarvis 4-9-11 G McGrath (7) 90
3 (3) 233/05 CHAMBROS 34 (F) (E Reitel) N Twiston-Davies 6-9-9 R Cochrane 95
4 (2) 2406-50 ARFEY 27 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 4-9-5 W Carson 95
5 (6) 500/110 MARDOOD 14 (C,D,F,S) (J Fratwell) P Leach 8-9-5 J Williams [illegible]
6 (5) 304500 PERFORATE 17 (B,G) (Mrs M Rowe) R Baker 4-8-0 A McGlone 98

BETTING: 4-5 Mardood, 11-4 Chucklestone, 11-2 Chambros, 7-1 Arfey, 10-1 Perforate, 16-1 Elegant King.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CHUCKLESTONE 1l 2nd of 4 to Provence in a handicap at Bath last time out (2m 1f, good to firm).
ELEGANT KING beat John Naman 2l in a 14-runner handicap at Listowel last September (2m, good).
CHAMBROS 6l 5th of 19 to Western Dynasty in a handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 110yd, good to soft). ARFEY 9l 5th of 11 to My Desire in a handicap at Redcar on penultimate start (2m, good). MARDOOD 6l 7th of 23 to Balasani in a handicap at Ascot (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: CHUCKLESTONE

2.30 COWBRIDGE CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,377: 1m 2f 36yd) (5 runners)

1 (1) 10- DAKAR RALLY 248 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4 A McGlone 95
2 (3) 212-3 DOUBLE BASS 61 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4 W Ryan 83
3 (4) 1- FRONTIER FLIGHT 289 (G) (Dr C Stelling) R Charlton 9-4 Pat Eddery 85
4 (5) 463-00 ALJAZZAF 12 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 W R Swinburn [illegible]
5 (2) 1-3 LILLE HAMMER 10 (G) (Baron Edouard de Rothschild) L Cumani 8-13 R Cochrane 87

BETTING: 13-8 Dakar Rally, 11-4 Frontier Flight, 3-1 Lille Hammer, 4-1 Double Bass, 10-1 Aljazzaf.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DAKAR RALLY beat Desert Secret a head in a 13-runner maiden at Doncaster last September (1m, good to firm). DOUBLE BASS 12l 3rd of 6 to Sweet Line in a conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). FRONTIER FLIGHT beat Jackpot Star 2l in an 11-runner maiden at Wolverhampton last season (7f, good).
ALJAZZAF 25l 10th of 18 to Learmont in a handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, soft). Previously, 4½l 7th of 9 to Placerville in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 1f, good).
LILLE HAMMER 3l last of 3 to Lyphard's Delta in a conditions race at Warwick (1m 3f, good to soft).
Selection: DOUBLE BASS

3.00 WPI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,611: 1m 2f 36yd) (12 runners)

1 (2) 08-004 BOLTROSE 24 (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 9-0 N Carlisle 66
2 (6) 06 CLIFTON GAME 15 (G Palmer) P Murphy 9-0 J Lowe —
3 (4) 5 EL JUBAIL 18 (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan —
4 (9) 6- LANKRIDGE 271 (Mrs H Dalgety) W Hern 9-0 B Procter —
5 (3) 32 MORSTOCK 11 (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 9-0 W Carson 82
6 (11) 00 SIMPLY A HERO 45 (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams —
7 (5) 0 CHARLOTTE DUNDAS 32 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 J Carroll —
8 (1) FLOATING ISLAND (Sheikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 8-9 W R Swinburn —
9 (10) 2 KITHANGA 11 (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-9 R Cochrane 98
10 (8) 4 PISH KESH 18 (The Sussex Stud Ltd) W Muir 8-9 A Clark 81
11 (7) PRINCESS SIOUX (P Homewood) A Scott 8-9 B Raymond —
12 (12) 4-5 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 41 (J Hill) C Brittain 8-9 Pat Eddery [illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Kithanga, 7-2 El Jubail, 4-1 Upper Mount Clair, 7-1 Pish Kesh, 8-1 Princess Sioux, 10-1 Floating Island, 14-1 Charlotte Dundas, 25-1 others.

1992: HER HONOUR 8-9 A Munro (10-1) Lord Huntingdon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLTROSE 8½l 4th of 10 to General Mouktar in a handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good). CLIFTON GAME 10½l 6th of 18 to Teen Jay in a maiden auction at Windsor (1m 2f, good to soft). MORSTOCK 3½l 2nd of 10 to Miss Stagsa in a maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). CHARLOTTE DUNDAS 11l 8th of 11 to Dreams Are Free in a maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to soft).
KITHANGA ½l 2nd of 16 to Imaginary in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good).
PISH KESH 6¾l 4th of 8 to Learmont in a maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good), with EL JUBAIL (same terms) 2½l 5th. UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 8l 5th of 7 to Gisarne in a listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: UPPER MOUNT CLAIR

3.30 MIDDLE LODGE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,703: 1m 2f 36yd) (3 runners)

1 (3) 55210 SHARAAR 11 (D,G) (A Al Jaffah) W Haggas 9-7 M Hills 98
2 (2) 440411 QUICK SILVER BOY 25 (F,G) (T Pearson) D Burchell 8-6 Stephen Davies (5) 95
3 (1) 34-0281 INDIAN FLASH 15 (G) (V Maliya) R Guest 8-3 W Carson [illegible]

BETTING: 5-4 Indian Flash, 13-8 Quick Silver Boy, 5-2 Sharaar.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SHARAAR beat Phrosa 2l in an 11-runner apprentices' maiden at Lingfield on penultimate start (1m 2f, good).
QUICK SILVER BOY beat Pirates Gold 4l in a match for a claimer at Epsom (1m 110yd, good).
INDIAN FLASH beat Haven Of Love 3l in a 6-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, good).
Selection: SHARAAR

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 BREAM CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,644: 6f 16yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 6121 BROOKHEAD LADY 13 (D,F,S) (J Abbey) P Evans 8-1 S Maloney (3) [illegible]
2 (5) 05 MOSS HOUSE 7 (MHG Systems Ltd) R Hannon 8-0 Wendy Jones (7) 80
3 (3) 064 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 29 (BF) (K Leadbeater) P Murphy 8-0 J Lowe 78
4 (2) 31 MY LIFETIME LADY 39 (S) (Lifetime UK Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-13 W Carson 94
5 (6) 242 LITTLE EMMELINE 15 (J Morris) L Cottrell 7-9 N Carlisle 98
6 (1) GIPSY KID (Mrs L Mills) R Guest 7-8 C Hawksley (7) —

BETTING: 2-1 Brookhead Lady, 11-4 My Lifetime Lady, 5-1 Little Emmeline, Northern Starlight, 8-1 others.

1992: CLASSIC STORM 8-4 J Carroll (11-8 fav) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROOKHEAD LADY beat Claret Bumble 1¾l in an 11-runner claimer at Nottingham (5f, good to soft). MOSS HOUSE 4½l 5th of 12 to Demi-Plie in a seller at Brighton (7f, good to firm). NORTHERN STARLIGHT 6½l 4th of 12 to Titania's Dance in a claimer at Leicester (6f, good), with MOSS HOUSE (8lb better off) 16½l 12th. MY LIFETIME LADY beat Floating Trial 2½l in an 11-runner maiden auction at Catterick (5f, soft). LITTLE EMMELINE 3l 2nd of 19 to Star Speeder in a seller at Windsor (6f, good to soft).
Selection: BROOKHEAD LADY

4.30 SUMMER SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,385: 1m 14yd) (11 runners)

1 (8) 00 KUTAN 11 (B) (G Piper) R Simpson 9-0 A Tucker —
2 (1) 00-2300 MAASTRICHT 34 (P Deal) W Haggas 9-0 M Hills [illegible]
3 (5) 006-002 NIGELS PROSPECT 19 (Mrs E Haydn Jones) D Haydn Jones 9-0 J Williams 92
4 (7) 0- RAGAZZO 277 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 L Charnock —
5 (2) 590- FLASH OF JOY 329 (Mrs J Snape) D Burchell 8-9 Stephen Davies (5) —
6 (11) LADY BROKER (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 8-9 A Mackay —
7 (3) 0 PRINCESS SHAWNEE 43 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs M McCourt 8-9 S Whitworth —
8 (9) 0-50 RACHELLY 31 (H C Racing) R Akehurst 8-9 R Perham 89
9 (6) 04-0060 SWISS MOUNTAIN 7 (B) (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-9 W Ryan 96
10 (10) 5000- WEST END GIRL 285 (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-9 J Carroll 84
11 (4) 00-0500 WHYALLA RAIN 19 (J Lane) R Hollinshead 8-9 S Parks —

BETTING: 10-11 Nigels Prospect, 4-1 Maastricht, 5-1 Rachelly, 7-1 Swiss Mountain, 10-1 Kutan, Lady Broker, 16-1 Whyalla Rain, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MAASTRICHT 1¾l 3rd of 6 to White Creek in a maiden at Hamilton in April (1m 65yd, soft). NIGELS PROSPECT 8l 2nd of 10 to Silent Expression in a claimer here last time out (7f, good to firm).
RACHELLY 10½l 5th of 12 to Faolold in a claimer at Brighton on penultimate start (7f, firm), with KUTAN (2lb worse off) 4½l 9th. SWISS MOUNTAIN 2¾l 6th of 12 to Anatroccolo in a handicap at Kempton on penultimate start (7f, good).
LADY BROKER is a half-sister, by Pelorias, to several winners, including 7f-1m 3f winner Rose Glen.
Selection: SWISS MOUNTAIN

5.00 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RACE HANDICAP
(£3,300: 7f 16yd) (17 runners)

1 (9) 2/00082 HALBERT 15 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 4-9-12 A McGlone 85
2 (6) 4000-00 GARTH 10 (V,F) (B Whitehouse) R Hollinshead 5-9-8 L Aspell (7) 90
3 (5) 3341-05 HAWAYAH 34 (D,F) (Miss M Gibbon) R Hodges 3-8-7 J Williams 87
4 (4) 00-0005 CEE-EN-CEE 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Humphreys) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-6 T Quinn 91
5 (11) 000-010 DESERT SPLENDOUR 33 (D,G,S) (C Wardle) B Cambidge 5-9-3 J Lowe 95
6 (1) 306-054 WILL SOON 20 (H Candy) H Candy 4-9-3 R Cochrane 93
7 (2) 3-43425 OLD COMRADES 10 (D,F,G) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-9-1 Mark Denaro (7) 94
8 (13) 00-0014 CHARMED KNAVE 15 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs M Gleeson) D Laing 8-9-1 T Williams [illegible]
9 (7) 300000 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 17 (D,G,S) (Julian Graves Ltd) C Smith 3-8-7 E Johnson 90
10 (10) 226023 GOOD IMAGE 7 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-8-6 Pat Eddery 94
11 (16) 0/0-3550 LORD ALFIE 6 (K Gomm) B Meehan 4-8-4 S Whitworth 95
12 (3) 400014 ANATROCCOLO 7 (D,F,G) (Miss S Dane) R Bennett 6-7-12 W Carson 91
13 (12) 0000/0 FAILAND 84 (CD,F) (Ms T Hartwell) R Brotherton 6-7-11 A Tucker —
14 (8) 045640- BELLA BAMBOLA 277 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 3-7-11 L Charnock 88
15 (17) 046625 ZINBAQ 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 7-7-10 D Biggs 94
16 (15) 000002 AQUADO 17 (Gallagher Materials Ltd) N Callaghan 4-7-9 N Carlisle 90
17 (14) 00-0053 CHEREN BOY 31 (Mrs L Buckerfield) B Forsey 4-7-7 A Mackay 81

Long handicap: Cheren Boy 7-2.

BETTING: 6-1 Will Soon, 7-1 Charmed Knave, Good Image, 8-1 Anatroccolo, Hawayah, Halbert, 10-1 Old Comrades, Zinbaq, 14-1 Lord Alfie, 16-1 Cee-En-Cee, 20-1 others.

1992: BISHAYIR 5-9-8 M Roberts (2-1 fav) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

HALBERT 3l 2nd of 5 to Gran Senorum in a maiden at Brighton (7f, good). DESERT SPLENDOUR beat Pop To Stans 1l in a 9-runner seller at Thirsk on penultimate start (7f, soft). WILL SOON 3¼l 4th of 13 to Penny Drops in a handicap at Kempton (1m, good).
OLD COMRADES 3l 5th of 9 to On Y Va in an apprentices' handicap at Warwick (7f, good to soft), with GARTH (2lb better off) 9l 9th. CHARMED KNAVE beat OLD COMRADES (7lb better off) 6l in a 15-runner handicap at Salisbury on penultimate start (7f, good to firm), with CEE-EN-CEE (8lb better off) 1¾l 5th and ZINBAQ (7lb better off) 1l 6th. GOOD IMAGE 4l 3rd of 10 to Tajdid in a handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). ANATROCCOLO 4¾l 4th of 10 to Sarah-Clare in a handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm). AQUADO 2½l 2nd of 15 to Penny Banger in a selling handicap at Lingfield (7f, good).
Selection: CHARMED KNAVE (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	9	17	52.9	Pat Eddery	8	39	20.5
L Cumani	10	19	52.6	W Carson	9	47	19.1
J Gosden	4	13	30.8	W Ryan	4	30	13.3
R Charlton	3	13	23.1	R Cochrane	5	38	13.2
W Hern	3	16	18.8	R Perham	8	61	13.1
H Candy	7	39	17.9	A McGlone	5	42	11.9

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.45 Newington Butts. 2.15 Admiralella. 2.45 Post Impressionist. 3.15 Lady Risky. 3.45 Taylors Prince. 4.15 Juliasdarkinvader.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Post Impressionist. 3.45 Moonlight Quest.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 WINDOW DISPLAY.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 COOMES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,976: 6f 189yd) (4 runners)

1 00-0 NEWINGTON BUTTS 17 R Akehurst 9-7 J Reid 3
2 4-00 JALIB 17 C Benstead 8-12 R Hills 1
3 00-0 DANCING DIAMOND 29 C Wall 8-12 S Mulvey (7) 4
4 0200 KRAYYAN DAWN 18 R Voorspuy 8-12 S Dawson 2

9-4 Newington Butts, 5-2 Jalib, 3-1 Krayyan Dawn, 4-1 Dancing Diamond.

2.15 COOMES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,713: 6f) (10)

1 ABACUSAM J Akehurst 9-0 N Adams 3
2 ROBBY W Muir 9-0 C Rutter 2
3 0 ROYAL INTERPRETER 20 P McEntee 9-0 J Weaver (3) 4
4 WILL GLOW T Mills 9-0 W Newnes 8
5 03 ADMIRALELLA 8 J Akehurst 8-9 J Reid 1
6 0 CANDI DAS 20 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 D Harrison (3) 9
7 00 CHARLIES DREAM 20 K Burke 8-9 T Sprake 10
8 COME GO R Hannon 8-9 R Hills 7
9 HONEST WOMAN J Spearing 8-9 Paul Eddery 6
10 03 QUEEN'S TRUST 24 J Dunlop 8-9 L Dettori 5

6-4 Admiralella, 7-2 Queen's Trust, 5-1 Candi Das, 11-2 Come Go, 13-2 Charlies Dream, 14-1 Royal Interpreter, 20-1 Will Glow, Honest Woman, 25-1 others.

2.45 COOMES MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,898: 1m 7f 92yd) (5)

1 2223 POST IMPRESSIONIST 24 (B) J Pearce 4-9-13 M Wigham 3
2 0005 YIMKIN BOOKRA 7 W Muir 5-9-10 L Dettori 2
3 -452 GALACTIC FURY 11 B Stevens 3-9-4 M Tebbutt 1
4 4500 CARDJANGO 28 M Bell 3-8-11 M Fenton (3) 4
5 0-40 BRANSBY ROAD 41 R Akehurst 3-8-9 J Reid 5

6-4 Post Impressionist, 11-4 Galactic Fury, 7-2 Bransby Road, 4-1 Yimkin Bookra, 11-2 Cardjango.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 22 winners from 62 runners, 35.5%; B Hanbury, 3 from 15, 20%; M Channon, 4 from 21, 19%; J Akehurst, 4 from 25, 16%; J Dunlop, 6 from 42, 14.3%; R Akehurst, 10 from 73, 13.7%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 8 winners from 31 rides, 25.8%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 98, 16.3%; L Dettori, 6 from 45, 13.3%; W Newnes, 12 from 119, 10.1%. Only qualifiers.

3.15 COOMES SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (9)

1 600 CRAFTY CRICKETER 20 R Voorspuy 8-11 S Dawson 5
2 OLD HOOK Allan Smith 8-11 B Doyle (3) 3
3 READY-FREDDIE W Turner 8-11 T Sprake 2
4 000 THE SPIVE 15 (B) J Bridger 8-11 G Bardwell 9
5 4533 WINDOW DISPLAY 15 (CD,S) M Channon 8-11 Paul Eddery 6
6 000 CHARISMA GIRL 10 S Dow 8-6 L Piggott 8
7 020 LADY RISKY 15 R Hannon 8-6 J Reid 7
8 MUSIC PRINCESS B Gubby 8-6 B Russell (7) 1
9 0 TERMITE 84 M Usher 8-6 N Adams 4

11-8 Window Display, 11-4 Lady Risky, 6-1 Crafty Cricketer, 8-1 Charisma Girl, 10-1 Old Hook, 20-1 others.

3.45 COOMES STAKES
(Handicap: £3,080: 1m 4f) (10)

1 0410 MOONLIGHT QUEST 13 (CD,G,S) B Hanbury 5-10-0 L Dettori 2
2 -320 TAYLORS PRINCE 17 (V,D,F,G) H Collingridge 6-8-13 J Quinn 8
3 013- SNOW BLIZZARD 227 (CD,F,G) S Dow 5-8-12 L Piggott 7
4 0-00 CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 35 (CD,F,S) J Eustace 8-8-9 M Tebbutt 5
5 0000 LUCKY NOIRE 18 (C,F,S) G Harwood 5-8-9 Gaye Harwood (7) 3
6 6-01 FACT OR FICTION 10 (B,D,F,G) Miss B Sanders 7-8-6 W Newnes 4
7 -006 CATHOS 13 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 8-8-3 B Rouse 6
8 0415 RAGTIME SONG 17 (D,F) A Moore 4-8-0 N Adams 10
9 -365 ROCQUAINE BAY 15 (BF,D,F) M Bolton 6-7-11 C Rutter 9
10 0/55 GO FORUM 6 (D,F,G) J Sutcliffe 8-7-11 D Wright (7) 1

3-1 Fact Or Fiction, 4-1 Go Forum, 6-1 Taylors Prince, 13-2 Moonlight Quest, Snow Blizzard, Rocquaine Bay, 9-1 Checkpoint Charlie, 10-1 Ragtime Song, 12-1 Cathos, Lucky Noire.

4.15 COOMES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES (£2,070: 1m 1f 149yd) (15)

1 0466 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 10 (G) S Dow 4-12-0 T Cuff (4) 3
2 100- ROMOOSH 148J (G) Pat Mitchell 4-12-0 Miss F Burke (4) 1
3 4016 ALBERT 11 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-11-0 Mrs D Arbuthnot 2
4 6/0 UTRILLO 17 B Curley 4-10-10 C Curley (4) 4
5 0040 AEDEAN 6 (G) C Horgan 4-10-9 Mr M Ayres (4) 9
6 000/ HALEIM 636 (G) J Long 5-10-6 Miss D Pomeroy (4) 7
7 4002 JULIASDARKINVADER 10 A Moore 3-10-4 K Goble (4) 13
8 5006 DON'T DROP BOMBS 17 (V,G) P Felgate 4-10-4 Miss J Feilden 10
9 600/40 BARCHAM 29J (F) D Wilson 6-9-13 Miss Diana Jones 5
10 000- KELIMUTU 273 J Pearce 4-9-11 Mrs L Pearce 8
11 0-00 KALOKAGATHOS 32 Mrs S Williams 4-9-11 Mrs S Williams (4) 12
12 5005 EMERALD EARS 8 (G) P McEntee 4-9-7 Miss Elaine Mills (4) 6
13 0-00 BROUGHTON BLUES 8 (G,S) W Musson 5-9-7 Mrs J Musson (4) 14
14 -000 SUPREME OPTIMIST 18 (B,G,S) R Peacock 9-9-7 Mrs C Peacock (4) 15
15 -000 MISS MAGENTA 27 R Thompson 5-9-7 S Dolby (4) 11

3-1 Juliasdarkinvader, 5-1 Native Chieftain, 13-2 Romoosh, 7-1 Albert, Broughton Blues, 9-1 Emerald Ears, Aedean, 12-1 Don't Drop Bombs, 14-1 others.

Blinkered first time

CHEPSTOW: 4.30 Kutan. FOLKESTONE: 2.45 Post Impressionist.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nottingham

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.15 (1m 54yd) 1, HOT OFF THE PRESS (J Reid, 7-1); 2, Glowing Path (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3, Superensis (Kim McDonnell, 12-1); 4, Irish Roots (J Weaver, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Walid's Princess, 6 Noring, 10 Le Couteau, Corona Gold, 16 Musical Times, B B Glen (5th), 20 Stockforce, Baeza, 25 Monet Monet Monet, Don't Tell Jean, Nightmare Lady (6th), 33 Summers Dream, 50 Kentucky Dreams, Woodlands Electric. 18 ran. ¾l, 1l, 1½l, ¾l, hd. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £9.00; £1.90, £3.80, £3.20, £4.20. DF: £146.90. CSF: £69.58. Tricast: £764.91. Winner bought in for 5,200gns.

2.45 (6f 15yd) 1, UNBLEST (G Duffield, 7-4 fav); 2, Jacob Bogdani (T Quinn, 3-1); 3, Tamirion Chief (R P Elliott, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Theon, 13-2 Pappa's Pet, 7 Imperial Treatment (6th), 20 Maclzo (5th), 33 Lady Phyl (4th), Vercingetorix. 9 ran. 5l, ¾l, sh hd, ¾l, 2½l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £1.10, £12.30. DF: £6.00. CSF: £7.55.

3.15 (1m 54yd) 1, TAHDID (W Carson, 4-6 fav: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Desert Time (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 3, Topeaid (T Sprake, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Bell Hero (6th), 14 Mo-Addab (4th), 20 Essex Girl (5th), 25 Dunbar, Monazite, 33 Amorem, Paddington Girl, 50 Gathering, 66 Jupiter Star, Spirit Of Dance, 150 Dissident Dancer. 14 ran. 4l, 3½l, 5l, 1l, 1l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.43.

3.45 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, BEST APPEARANCE (W R Swinburn, 13-8 fav); 2, Convoy (T Quinn, 3-1); 3, Marat (W Newnes, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dontbetalking (4th), 11-2 Happy Tuppence (5th). 5 ran. 5l, 2½l, ¾l, 30l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.70; £1.60, £1.40. DF: £2.90 CSF: £6.66.

4.15 (1m 54yd) 1, THUNDERING (Miss Diana Jones, 10-1); 2, Pussy Street Boy (Mrs S Bosley, 10-1); 3, Romoosh (Miss F Burke, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Shemgaan, 9-2 Yunus Emre (5th), Bill Moon (6th), 5 Sylvan Sabre, 6 Essayeffsee (4th). 8 ran. Hd, 4l, 1½l, nk, 1¾l. A Jones at Oswestry. Tote: £6.70; £2.10, £1.90, £8.80. DF: £46.00. CSF: £88.51. Tricast: £1,256.76.

4.45 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, SILVER SAMURAI (L Dettori, Evens fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tiffany's Case (R Cochrane, 6-1); 3, Haroldon (W Ryan, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jadirah (4th). 4 ran. 3½l, 4l, 12l. Mrs V Aconley at Westow. Tote: £1.70. DF: £4.30 CSF: £5.95.

5.15 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, FULL QUIVER (D Wright, 6-1); 2, Bally Knight (C Hodgson, 7-1); 3, Persian Soldier (Darren Moffatt, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Welshman (4th), 11-2 Qualitair Rhythm (5th), 11-2 Explosive Speed (6th), 9 Glins Of Ayr, 40 Stata. 8 ran. Sh hd, 4l, 3½l, 3½l, 8l. Mrs B Waring at Chippenham. Tote: £7.30; £1.20, £2.60, £1.60. DF: £17.90 CSF: £42.22 Tricast: £185.97

Placepot: £100.30.

Ripon

Going: good

2.30 (6f) 1, FLOATING TRIAL (J Carroll, 9-1); 2, Sky Music (N Connorton, 8-1); 3, Ellaruth (P Robinson, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Michellisa, 7 Oriental Air (6th), 8 Gigue, 10 S'Amuser, 14 Heathyards Lady (4th), Kentucky Flyer, 16 Deer In The Glen, 20 Stanca (5th). 11 ran. ½l, ½l, sh hd, 1l, ½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £7.30; £2.50, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £46.10. CSF: £77.85.

3.00 (5f) 1, ROCHE ABBEY (Dean McKeown, 2-1 fav); 2, Forbidden Monkey (L Charnock, 7-2); 3, Red Grit (J Lowe, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Doctor James (6th), 7 Inamorata, 10 Rattlesnake Annie (5th), 20 Henry The Hawk (4th), Saltpetre. 8 ran. NR: Paris Symphony. 1l, sh hd, 2l, 3l, 1½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £7.10. CSF: £9.83.

3.30 (1m 1f) 1, HEAVY ROCK (L Newton, 20-1); 2, Clarification (P Robinson, 13-2); 3, Mary Macblain (J Carroll, 12-1); 4, Mummys Rocket (A Mackay, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Katie Eileen, 9-2 Dances With Gold (6th), 9 Smocking, Persian Melody, 10 Bold Line, Contrac Countess, 12 Innocent Abroad, 14 Double Sherry, 16 Slumber Thyme (6th), 20 Battuta, 25 Albert, 33 Newgatesky. 16 ran. Hd, sh hd, 5l, 1½l, ½l. D Cosgrove at Newmarket. Tote: £85.50; £12.20, £1.70, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £146.30. Trio: not won. CSF: £1,540.42.

4.00 (6f) 1, OUBECK (Dale Gibson, 10-1); 2, Heart Broken (K Fallon, 5-1); 3, Pine Ridge Lad (J Tate, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Principal Player (6th), 5 Lam Fort (4th), 6 Benzoe, Hello Hobson's, 12 Deyruz (5th), 25 Costa Verde. 9 ran. 2l, 1l, ½l, 1¾l, 3½l. E Weymes at Middleham. Tote: £6.50; £2.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £39.80. CSF: £58.33. Tricast: £196.49. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (6f) 1, PALACEGATE TOUCH (L Charnock, 5-1); 2, Manx Monarch (A Garth, 14-1); 3, Finjan (V Halliday, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Crystal Jack (5th), 9-2 Bold Angel (4th), 14 Boy Martin (6th), 50 Rock Song. 7 ran. 1½l, 1l, nk, 4l, 3½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £2.90. DF: £18.00. CSF: £54.78.

5.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, MOUSSAHIM (B Raymond, 6-1); 2, Duplicate (M Birch, 7-2); 3, Hazard A Guess (K Fallon, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Merry Mermaid (5th), 11 Amlarge (4th), 14 Sir Edward Henry (6th), On Broadway, 16 Never So Brave, 20 Karib Restraint, 33 High Chair. 11 ran. 3l, 2½l, 3½l, 8l, 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £8.40. Trio: £4.80. CSF: £27.53. Tricast: £44.73.

5.30 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, BIG PAT (M Wigham, 13-8 fav); 2, May Hills Legacy (M Birch, 13-2); 3, Hillzah (H Bastiman, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Rousitto (4th), 6 Bresil (5th), 14 Carrolls Marc, 33 Istaiiwortht (6th). 7 ran. 5l, 1l, nk, 3l, nk. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £11.67.

Placepot: £95.40.

First for Fanshawe

UNBLEST gave James Fanshawe, the Newmarket trainer, his first two-year-old winner of the season in the Nottingham Evening Post Maiden Stakes yesterday.

Ridden by George Duffield, Unblest had no trouble beating his chief market rival, Jacob Bogdani, by five lengths.

"He ran a bit green at Goodwood first time and the experience has done him a lot of good," Fanshawe said. "Most of my two-year-olds are backward and I have had to work Unblest with three-year-olds."

A gamble on the Dave Morris-trained Bally Knight (7-1) went down in the Shadwell Stud Apprentice Handicap, but it was a close call as the seven-year-old was short-headed in the last stride by Full Quiver, ridden by Danny Wright.

Nicholls announces retirement

NORTHERN jockey David Nicholls has announced his retirement.

Nicholls, born at Pudsey, near Leeds, rode 421 Flat winners during a 20-year career, the last of which came a week ago, at Edinburgh, on Lucky Fourteen.

Explaining his decision Nicholls, 37, said: "I made my decision on Friday morning, and the increase in my weight is the top and bottom of the reason for quitting."

Nicholls, who has had a struggle to make less than nine stone in recent seasons, added: "If I'd carried on riding, it wouldn't have done my health any good. I have no regrets about packing up"

Reflecting on his career highlights he chose his partnership with the filly Soba on whom he won 11 times in 1982, including the Stewards' Cup, and the King George Stakes the following season.

Nicholls will continue to build up the thriving livery yard which he runs at his North Yorkshire home.

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Brown steers Middlesex to clear championship lead

Brown: determination

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (23pts) beat Surrey (7) by four wickets

IF IT is a basic requirement of a championship-winning side to be able to dig themselves out of a hole then Middlesex, who today rest easy at the top of the Britanic Assurance county championship table, are well equipped. For the second time in the match they emerged from a potential batting disaster, and for the second time it was Keith Brown and John Emburey who rescued them.

Emburey joined Brown with the score at 120, five wickets having been lost during a morning and early afternoon belonging almost wholly to Surrey. The total of 218 needed to win seemed far away and there were long odds against Middlesex. But these two added 99 in an unbroken seventh-wicket stand — their contribution to the first innings had been 94 — and saw their team to an unlikely victory.

For sheer determination, it will be difficult to match Brown's contribution. In this game he batted for eight hours and 20 minutes for 159 runs. Emburey was almost equally dogged in his eccentric but effective way, but from him the runs came faster, his unorthodox methods sometimes defying the most precise of field placements.

Another prime requisite for a winning side is, of course, luck. Brown had his fair share, being dropped, most crucially, on 11 and then when he had made 43. Emburey was also put down from a desperately difficult chance late in the innings. Middlesex can also count themselves fortunate that Stewart, the Surrey captain, did not make more use of Kendrick, who bowled well enough to merit more than his ten overs. Nor did Martin Bicknell seem best pleased with getting only seven.

It was not, in fact, a great day for either of Surrey's recent recruits to the England ranks at Trent Bridge. It was Martin Bicknell who missed Brown at mid-on when he gave his first chance; Thorpe who spilled Brown the second time, this at first slip, the ball coming hard and fast into his midriff off Waqar.

Another catch, given to Thorpe at silly mid-off by Emburey, was a half chance at best, but it led to visible ill-feeling between the fielder and Stewart. For by then, with Middlesex within 31 runs of their target and Surrey were desperate. In the beginning, all had gone well for them. Middlesex, needing 189 more runs to win, with nine wickets left and all day ahead, lost Gatting early to a flash outside the off-stump to a wide ball from Waqar.

Roseberry was bowled by a trimmer and, at the other end, Carr, playing back, was picked up at first slip. Three wickets had fallen for 28 runs. Ramprakash resisted and launched himself spasmodically, but it was all too frenetic to hint at permanence. Then Bolling tempted him and he was caught at mid-on. Once Feltham had gone, leg-before playing Waqar from the crease, it looked all over bar the Surrey crowing.

But Brown likes it out there in the middle at Lord's. He defended dourly; he drove square on the off-side; he used his feet beautifully to Bolling and to Smith, the other Surrey off-spinner. He also watched Waqar like a hawk and stood up fearlessly to the short-pitched ball. It was an essay in courage and application.

When he had batted for three hours, Brown reached his half century. Nearly another hour passed before Emburey nudged the ball to the pavilion rails at fine leg for the winning boundary. By then, Brown had hit seven fours himself and had earned the undying gratitude of those in the crowd who hailed from north of the Thames.

Middlesex, the championship leaders, travel to Cardiff this week to play Glamorgan in their next match. Their victory yesterday gained them a 16-point lead over the Welsh county.

Defeat grinds salt into Welsh wounds

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SWANSEA (final day of four): Nottinghamshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (7) by eight wickets

THE Welsh have had a taste of the high life this cricket season but yesterday's events were a mortifying reminder that old habits die hard. England's selectors maintained their reluctance to send any Test caps across the Severn Bridge and, on a perfect batting pitch, the county's bowling was too blunt to support serious championship aspirations.

Nottinghamshire, required to score 336 in 90 overs, lost only two wickets in winning with 8.4 overs in hand. There were centuries for Tim Robinson, his second of the match, and Paul Johnson, the quickest of the season, from only 73 balls, during an unbroken stand of 198 which toyed with the Glamorgan bowling. It was impressive batting which will do much to restore confidence at Trent Bridge but the lessons, for Glamorgan, were harsh.

They lack a shock bowler to make Steve Watkin less burdened and more effective, and a left-arm, or wrist spinner in support of Robert Croft. On pitches as good as this one, virtually unscarred after five days' cricket, they do not have the resources to bowl most sides out twice. Their spirit is such that they will come back from this experience, though probably not back to the head of the championship.

All this, however, was a bit too much grief for the crowd to absorb on a day when discussion focused rancorously on the absence of Morris and Maynard, in particular, from the England side. "Snubbed again" was the headline in the *South Wales Evening Post* and it is fair to say that if a selector had found his way to St Helen's, his ears would have been burning.

On the field, Glamorgan added 61 in 50 minutes, Cottey completing a 108-ball century, before Morris's very fair declaration. Watkin made his customary early incision, courtesy of a leg-side catch by the impeccable Metson, but that was virtually the last glimpse of Glamorgan success.

Gradually, the vigour that saw Glamorgan hustle through 20 overs an hour was dissipated. There was only slow turn for Croft, who despairingly threw the ball ever higher, and even Watkin found it almost impossible to move the ball off the seam.

Pollard added 121 with his captain at sedate pace but Nottinghamshire knew that wickets in hand were the key here. When Croft bowled Pollard as he hit against the spin, Johnson arrived to play with a blithe disregard for all-comers.

Glamorgan knew their fate when Cottey, at deep square leg, dropped Robinson on 87, just after tea. There was no hint of a wicket thereafter.

Versatile Gower closes door on Australians

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of three): Hampshire drew with the Australians

SET to make 291 in a minimum of 64 overs to beat the Australians yesterday, something they have managed only once, Hampshire looked like doing it when Terry and Middleton scored 167 in 42 overs for the first wicket. They had Gower and Robin Smith to come next, and could hardly have wished for better than that; but from the moment Terry slipped up, much as Atherton did in the Test match at Lord's, and was run out, Hampshire's hopes quickly faded.

It was quite like the old days, really. For the third day running, the sun beat down, and by tea there was standing room only. The groundsman had played his part by producing a splendid pitch, and the ground itself, doomed though it is, can never have looked better.

The ease with which Smith had pulversised the Australian bowling on Sunday and Terry and Middleton played while launching Hampshire's second innings caused some to wonder, no doubt, albeit ingenuously, why England could not do the same.

Then, just when it seemed that Hampshire were heading for victory, they lost their way. The Australians got their own back on Smith, Hughes drawing him forward and having him caught low down at the wicket off his first ball.

Yes, what a leveller the old game is! After being 165 for no wicket at the start of the 42nd over, Hampshire were 203 for six by the end of the fiftieth. The ball was turning by now, and after Hughes had done his bit by removing Middleton with a leg break and Smith, Border opted to try to win the game with spin.

Having come marching in with victory a forethought, Gower turned, within 20 minutes, and with 12 overs left, to preventing a Hampshire defeat. Being the accomplished player that he is of the turning ball, a fact which the England selectors seem quite to have forgotten, he did it in his own unruffled way, and with the determined assistance of Aymes.

So Hampshire's satisfaction was restricted to denying the Australians. They had had a glimpse of glory, before and after tea, in fact. They had had the Australians rattled; they should have won.

When the Australians had lost Martyn and Border in the first 20 minutes of the day, both to the worthy Connor, they were only 151 ahead with five wickets down. But Hayden was on the way to his first first-class hundred of the tour, Taylor and Boon were still to come and Hampshire were without Shine to bowl.

Any chance that the Australians might have been caught on the hop passed. Hughes hit seven towering sixes, most of them off Udal, whose overall figures of 41-7-217-4 were a good-natured contribution to the proceedings.

The match owed much to the Tetley sponsorship, by which the Australians stand to collect £50,000 if they win ten of their 14 three-day matches against the first-class counties and each county £2,000 for beating them.

Once upon a time, such incentives were not needed. In 1948, for example, the Australians won seven of their first eight county matches *by an innings*, without getting anything for it.

Indeed, between the day, in July 1912, when Hampshire beat them at Southampton, and May 1956, when Surrey won at the Oval, no Australian side lost to a county, a fact which, perhaps, puts the present standard of county cricket into a more favourable perspective.

I wrote yesterday that, like the ranks of Tuscany, the Australians "could scarce forbear to cheer" as Smith completed his 191, not that they could "scarcely bear to cheer", which is what appeared.

This is worth mentioning only because the match was played in a most generous spirit, unlike the corresponding fixture last year between Hampshire and the Pakistanis, which boiled with hostility.

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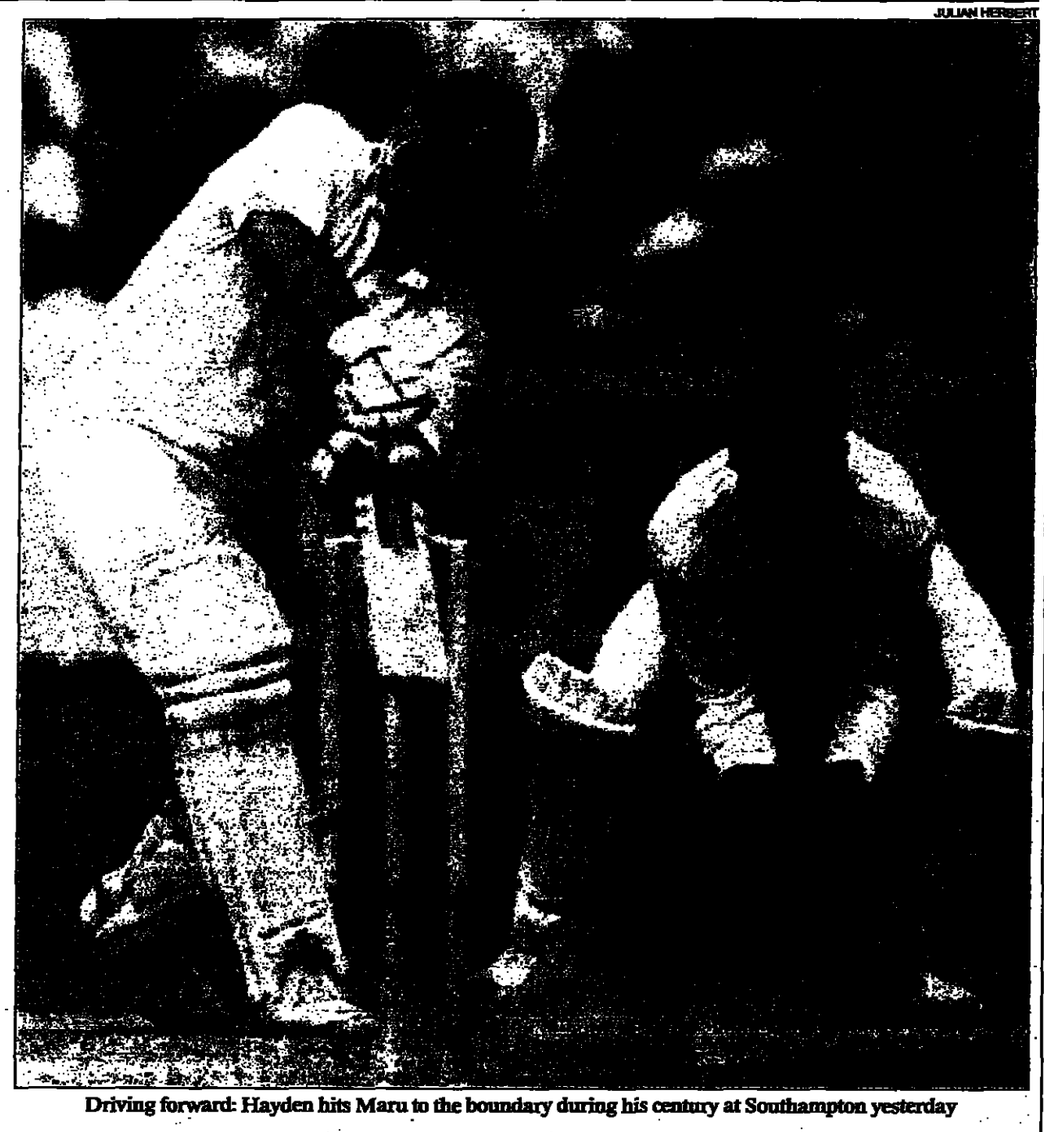
Driving forward: Hayden hits Maru to the boundary during his century at Southampton yesterday

Curtis crawls to crucial century

TIM Curtis, the Worcestershire captain, denied Durham their first championship victory for over a year with a marathon innings at Stockton, where he batted for seven hours 20 minutes for an unbeaten 116 to see his side to victory by three wickets (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Worcestershire, who had resumed at 123 for two in pursuit of 266, lost two early wickets to Ian Botham and were still 70 runs short when Chris Tolley joined Curtis at the fall of the seventh wicket. Curtis, who was hit on the left ear by a ball from Anderson Cummins when 91, said: "It was one of my most satisfying innings because if I had got out, the game was up."

Essex also lost seven wickets getting the 271 they needed to beat Warwickshire at Ilford, where an opening partnership of 114 between Graham Gooch (63) and John Stephenson (64) began to look increasingly more valuable as the Warwickshire bowlers started to make inroads.

Taking heart from Jack Russell's 64, Gloucestershire extended their second innings until the stroke of tea at Grace Road, leaving Leicestershire to score 168. Five wickets fell for 114 before Robinson and Nixon knocked off the remaining runs in six overs to win the match with four balls to spare.

Kent had to hang on for a draw at Headingley, closing at 172 for six after being set 322 by Yorkshire, for whom Martyn Moxon had soldiered on to 171 before declaring.

Wasim casts spell on Derbyshire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (final day of four): Lancashire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (8) by 111 runs

WHAT on earth would Lancashire do without Wasim Akram? John Morris, batting as he does in his dreams, was leading Derbyshire to a famous win here until the prince among modern match-winners intervened. Within the hour, victory was Lancashire's as one batsman after another, six in all, submitted to his brilliance.

Wasim has pulled so many rabbits out of the hat that one hesitates to pen superlatives in case he finds another before the ink is dry. Nevertheless, this latest feat ranks as high as most. From 243 for two, Derbyshire were all out 24 runs later as Wasim took six for 11 in 49 balls.

Neil Fairbrother had brought him back for a purpose. Morris had made 151 from 176 balls with a majesty bordering on the disdainful. At that stage, as Fairbrother admitted: "We would lose if we did not shift him."

Morris nicked Wasim's first ball back, an outswinger, to Hegg and the procession had begun. Kim Barnett, the first innings century-maker, was leg before next ball to the "other one", which nipped back. Although Cork blocked the hat-trick, he tickled a leg side catch to Hegg in the next over. Lancashire were among the tail when Griffiths spooned Watkinson to cover. Wasim immediately accounted for Vandrau leg before, and won a third shout when Adams padded up to a ball that swung appreciably.

After belting Watkinson for six, Malcolm was bowled and when Wasim changed ends one ball was enough for Mortensen. So Derbyshire, who needed 136 from 29 overs when Wasim returned, went down by 111 runs. The faithful Watkinson, who had earlier taken the wickets of Bowler and O'Gorman, maintained his admirable supporting role to end up with four in all. No one could have played much better than Morris but he was happy to give the palm to his conqueror. "It was absolutely devastating. Wasim is better than Waqar because he has more variety," he said.

Fairbrother batted on longer than he might have done in the morning, although he could ultimately claim justification. There were 1,497 runs in the game, more than any in Derbyshire's history, yet this match will be remembered for a great and singular fast bowler who, lest it be forgotten, also made a hundred. And to think there were people at Old Trafford who did not want him back.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Lancashire

DERBY (*final day of four*) *Lancashire (21pts) beat Derbyshire (8) by 111 runs*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 477 (M A Atherton 157, Wasim Akram 117, N J Speak 74, D E Malcolm 5 for 98)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Cork b Malcolm	4
M A Atherton c Maher b Malcolm	28
N J Speak c Morris b Malcolm	8
*N H Fairbrother c Mortensen b Griffith	59
S J Lloyd lbw b Mortensen	80
Wasim Akram c and b Vandrau	42
†P A J DeFreitas lbw b Mortensen	3
W K Hegg b Mortensen	7
M Watkinson not out	35
P J Martin not out	36
Extras (b 13, lb 10, nb 2)	25
Total (9 wkts dec)	327

A A Barnett did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-44, 3-59, 4-171, 5-225, 6-243, 7-247, 8-255

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-1-42-3, Cork 16-3-75-0, Griffith 9-2-48-1, Vandrau 18-3-78-1; Mortensen 21-1-58-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 426 (K J Barnett 161, C J Adams 74, P A J DeFreitas 5 for 109)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Mendis b Watkinson	25
J E Morris c Hegg b Wasim Akram	151
T J G O'Gorman c Lloyd b Watkinson	35
C J Adams lbw b Wasim Akram	13
*K J Barnett lbw b Wasim Akram	0
D G Cork c Hegg b Wasim Akram	3
P A Griffith c DeFreitas b Watkinson	0
M J Vandrau lbw b Wasim Akram	0
†S J M Maher not out	14
D E Malcolm b Watkinson	11
O H Mortensen b Wasim Akram	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 18)	28
Total	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-216, 3-243, 4-243, 5-249, 6-250, 7-255, 8-256, 9-267

BOWLING: DeFreitas 15-2-49-0; Wasim Akram 18.1-5-45-6; Martin 6-0-34-0; Watkinson 23-6-72-4, Barnett 12-3-58-0

Umpires: V A Holder and G Sharp

Durham v Worcestershire

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (*final day of four*) *Worcestershire (23pts) beat Durham (4) by three wickets*

DURHAM: First Innings 187 (P Bainbridge 69, K C G Benjamin 5 for 65).

Second Innings 355 (I T Botham 101, A C [illegible] 72, P W G Parker 63)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 277 (G A Hick 89, S R Lampitt 58, P J Newport 51).

Second Innings

*T S Curtis not out	116
W P C Weston b Bainbridge	26
G A Hick lbw b Cummins	32
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Botham	64
G R Haynes c Scott b Botham	4
S R Lampitt c Parker b Graveney	9
†S J Rhodes c Botham b Cummins	16
P J Newport b Cummins	5
C M Tolley not out	26
Extras (b 8, lb 10, nb 8)	26
Total (7 wkts)	286

R K Illingworth and K C G Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-108, 3-126, 4-130, 5-161, 6-190, 7-198.

BOWLING: Cummins 29-4-80-3; Brown 15-1-40-0, Bainbridge 5-1-23-1; Graveney 53-31-53-1, Botham 20-6-44-2; Berry 1-0-8-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J D Bond.

Essex v Warwickshire

ILFORD (*final day of four*) *Essex (22pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by three wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 448 (D P Ostler 174, J D Ratcliffe 80, T L Penney 50).

Second Innings 208 (A J Moles 53, J P Stephenson 5 for 31, Salim Malik 5 for 67).

ESSEX: First Innings 354 for 4 dec (N Hussain 107 not out, Salim Malik 90, G A Gooch 71, P J Prichard 66).

Second Innings

*G A Gooch lbw b N M K Smith	63
J P Stephenson c Holloway b Small	64
P J Prichard c Ratcliffe b P A Smith	30
Salim Malik b Munton	35
N Hussain c P A Smith b N M K Smith	12
†M A Garnham lbw b Munton	11
D R Pringle not out	14
N A Foster c Penney b P A Smith	8
M C Ilott not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 1, nb 16)	36
Total (7 wkts)	273

P M Such and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-114, 2-173, 3-187, 4-204, 5-233, 6-254, 7-267

BOWLING: Donald 21-2-56-0; Small 7.4-2-18-1; Munton 25-3-80-2; N M K Smith 12.2-3-42-2; Reeve 9-2-33-0; P A Smith 10-3-27-2.

Umpires: A A Jones and G A Stickley.

Leicestershire v Gloucestershire

LEICESTER (*final day of four*) *Leicestershire (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by five wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 245 (G D Hodgson 79, R M Wight 54; A D Mullally 7 for 72)

Second Innings

B C Broad b Pierson	56
G D Hodgson c Benjamin b Pierson	89
M W Alleyne c Robinson b Pierson	3
T H C Hancock c Benson b Potter	33
*A J Wright c and b Pierson	28
†R C Russell c Nixon b Mullally	64
R M Wight b Pierson	2
R C Williams c Benson b Mullally	36
M Davies c Nixon b Mullally	26
C A Walsh lbw b Parsons	10
K E Cooper not out	0
Extras (b 10, lb 14, w 2, nb 2)	28
Total	376

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-101, 3-166, 4-166, 5-283, 6-291, 7-294, 8-361, 9-370.

BOWLING: Benjamin 26-8-69-0; Mullally 31-6-86-3; Parsons 30.4-9-72-1; Pierson 50-16-72-5; Potter 29-11-52-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 454 (J D R Benson 153, T J Boon 85, L Potter 62)

Second Innings

T J Boon lbw b Davies	15
*N E Briers c Wight b Davies	47
J J Whitaker c Wright b Walsh	20
J D R Benson lbw b Walsh	8
W K M Benjamin b Davies	13
P E Robinson not out	23
†P A Nixon not out	17
Extras (b 8, lb 7, nb 4)	19
Total (5 wkts)	168

L Potter, G J Parsons, A D Mullally and A R K Pierson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-86, 3-98, 4-104, 5-114.

BOWLING: Walsh 16.2-3-55-2; Williams 5-0-32-0; Davies 12-0-66-3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A G T Whitehead

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middx (11)	8	5	0	3	14	30	124
Glam (14)	8	4	2	2	17	27	108
Lancs (12)	7	4	1	2	20	15	99
Kent (2)	8	3	2	3	20	28	96
Notts (4)	7	3	1	2	14	24	94
Surrey (13)	7	3	2	2	15	27	90
Northants (3)	7	3	2	2	15	23	85
Somerset (9)	7	3	4	0	8	25	81
Worcs (17)	7	3	1	2	6	17	79
Essex (1)	7	2	1	4	23	23	78
Hants (15)	7	2	2	3	11	21	64
Leics (6)	6	2	3	1	10	22	64
Warwicks (8)	7	2	3	2	11	21	64
Yorks (16)	7	2	1	4	11	21	64
Derbys (5)	8	1	4	3	15	28	59
Sussex (7)	7	1	4	2	11	21	48
Durham (18)	8	0	5	3	10	22	32
Glouca(10)	7	0	5	2	6	21	27

Notts and Worcs 8pts for a tied match.

Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire

SWANSEA (*final day of four*): *Nottinghamshire (23pts) beat Glamorgan (7) by eight wickets*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 329 (H Morris 102, A Dale 92; C L Cairns 4 for 66).

Second Innings

S P James c Pollard b Cairns	0
*H Morris b Field-Buss	133
A Dale c Pollard b Field-Buss	51
M P Maynard run out	33
I V A Richards c Pick b Field-Buss	4
P A Cottey not out	100
R D B Croft not out	17
Extras (lb 12, nb 2)	14
Total (5 wkts dec)	352

R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-129, 3-191, 4-204, 5-285.

BOWLING: Cairns 14-2-58-1; Pick 15.2-2-71-0; Afford 25-4-86-0; Field-Buss 33-0-82-3; Evans 9-0-43-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 346 (R T Robinson 119, P Johnson 70; R D B Croft 5 for 112).

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Croft	72
M Saxelby c Metson b Watkin	9
*R T Robinson not out	139
P Johnson not out	112
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (2 wkts)	338

G F Archer, C L Cairns, K P Evans, †B N French, R A Pick, M G Field-Buss and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-140.

BOWLING: Watkin 14-1-55-1; Lefebvre 9-1-35-0; Croft 29-4-87-1; Barwick 14-3-55-0; Richards 11-3-49-0; Dale 5.2-0-41-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and D O Oslear.

Yorkshire v Kent

HEADINGLEY (*final day of four*): *Yorkshire (5pts) drew with Kent (5)*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 209 (P J Hartley 64; A P Igglesden 5-66).

Second Innings

*M D Moxon not out	171
A A Metcalfe lbw b Igglesden	9
R B Richardson lbw b Davis	51
D Byas c Hooper b Igglesden	22
†R J Blakey b Hooper	71
C White c Benson b Fleming	38
P W Jarvis run out	1
P J Hartley not out	9
Extras (b 7, lb 4, w 5, nb 22)	38
Total (6 wkts dec)	410

R D Stemp, D Gough and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-87, 3-124, 4-303, 5-369, 6-377.

BOWLING: Igglesden 14-1-31-2; Headley 28-5-95-0; Fleming 18-1-68-1; Davis 33-18-94-1; Hooper 13.1-0-29-1; Llong 1-0-6-0.

KENT: First Innings 238 (C L Hooper 99, T R Ward 66; P W Jarvis 4 for 51).

Second Innings

T R Ward c Metcalfe b Robinson	5
*M R Benson c Byas b Jarvis	18
N R Taylor b Gough	11
C L Hooper lbw b Robinson	35
N J Llong c Byas b Gough	28
M V Fleming b Gough	20
†S A Marsh not out	23
D W Headley not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 14)	21
Total (6 wkts)	167

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-30, 3-43, 4-101, 5-111, 6-153.

R P Davis, M J McCague and A P Igglesden did not bat.

BOWLING: Jarvis 18-7-33-1; Hartley 9-1-21-0; Stemp 12-5-27-0; Robinson 12-3-24-2; Gough 18.3-5-47-3; White 5-2-9-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B Leadbeater.

Middlesex v Surrey

LORD'S (*final day of four*): *Middlesex (23pts) beat Surrey (7) by four wickets*

SURREY: First Innings 322 (D J Bicknell 72, A D Brown 67)

Second Innings 225 (D J Bicknell 77, A J Stewart 58; N F Williams 4 for 73).

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 330 (D L Haynes 112, K R Brown 80, J E Emburey 65 not out; J Bolling 5 for 100)

Second Innings

D L Haynes b M P Bicknell	11
M A Roseberry b Waqar Younis	20
*M W Gatting c Stewart b Waqar Younis	16
M R Ramprakash c M P Bicknell b Bolling	31
J D Carr c Thorpe b Benjamin	1
†K R Brown not out	79
M A Feltham lbw b Waqar Younis	6
J E Emburey not out	36
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 4, nb 4)	19
Total (6 wkts)	219

N F Williams, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-48, 3-57, 4-58, 5-96, 6-120.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 24-3-70-3; M P Bicknell 11-4-34-1; Benjamin 16.4-4-47-1; Bolling 14-2-37-1; Kendrick 10-4-15-0; Smith 4-0-11-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

Other match

Sussex v Camb Univ

HOVE (*final day of three*): *Sussex drew with Cambridge University*

SUSSEX: First Innings 350-3 dec (C M Wells 186, J W Hall 114).

Second Innings

P Moores b Whitsall	18
*C W J Athey c Pitcher b Whitsall	107
C C Remy lbw b Pitcher	14
J A North not out	70
I D K Salisbury c Pitcher b Whitsall	10
J W Hall not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb 2)	13
Total (4 wkts dec)	233

C M Wells, D R Law, A C S Pigott, †S Humphries and N C Phillips did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-80, 3-205, 4-221.

BOWLING: Pitcher 12-4-44-1; Heale 14-3-69-0; Charlesworth 6-1-17-0; Whitsall 20-2-79-3; Jenkins 4-1-13-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 300-4 dec (J P Crawley 187 not out, R O Cake 57).

Second Innings

*J P Crawley c Humphries b Law	20
G W Jones not out	45
M E D Jarrett c Salisbury b Phillips	18
R O Cake b Phillips	6
G B M Charlesworth b Salisbury	14
J P Carroll c Remy b Phillips	0
†J P Arscott not out	6
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (5 wkts)	116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-84, 3-75, 4-100, 5-102.

N J Heale, C M Pitcher, R H J Jenkins and A R Whitsall did not bat.

BOWLING: Pigott 8-2-21-0; Law 7-2-20-1; Phillips 22-10-39-3; Salisbury 13-4-27-1; Moores 1-1-0-0; Athey 2-0-2-0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P B Wight.

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Hampshire v Australians

SOUTHAMPTON (*final day of three*): *Hampshire drew with Australians*

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 393-7 dec (D C Boon 146, M L Hayden 85).

Second Innings

M L Hayden c Smith b Connor	115
†I A Healy lbw b James	16
S R Waugh b Connor	0
B P Julian c Aymes b Udal	28
D R Martyn b Connor	13
*A R Border c Maru b Connor	3
M A Taylor c Aymes b Udal	24
M G Hughes not out	61
D C Boon not out	0
Extras (b 3, nb 8)	11
Total (7 wkts dec)	271

T B A May and P R Reiffel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-40, 3-86, 4-122, 5-132, 6-187, 7-268.

BOWLING: Shine 2.4-0-8-0; Connor 19-3-77-4; James 11.2-3-32-1; Maru 15-3-57-0; Udal 17-3-94-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 374-5 dec (R A Smith 191, T C Middleton 53).

Second Innings

T C Middleton c Taylor b Hughes	78
V P Terry run out	82
D I Stiller not out	23
R A Smith c Healy b Hughes	0
*M C J Nicholas b Border	12
K D James st Healy b May	1
S D Udal lbw b May	0
†A N Aymes not out	8
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 10)	16
Total (6 wkts)	220

R J Maru, C A Connor and K J Shine did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-167, 2-178, 3-178, 4-189, 5-200, 6-200.

BOWLING: Hughes 14-3-47-2; Julian 7-1-16-0; Reiffel 10-1-45-0; May 18-4-57-2; Border 15-3-49-1.

Umpires: R A White and P Willey.

Batting

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	7	10	2	858	164*	107.25	5	2
M J Slater	8	13	3	818	152	81.80	3	6
D R Martyn	7	9	1	572	138*	71.50	3	2
G A Gooch	8	14	1	836	133	64.30	2	7
H Morris	10	18	2	996	134*	62.25	5	4
N Hussain	9	13	2	684	152	62.18	4	1
D L Haynes	6	9	1	491	115	61.37	2	2
J P Crawley	9	15	3	731	187*	60.91	1	4
N J Llong	7	9	1	465	116*	58.12	2	1
R T Robinson	8	15	2	739	139*	56.84	3	4
T S Curtis	9	15	2	736	116*	56.61	3	3
M A Atherton	10	17	1	896	137	56.00	3	3
A J Stewart	7	13	1	649	127	54.08	2	4
M P Maynard	9	14	1	699	145	53.76	2	3
J E Morris	9	12	0	644	151	53.66	2	4
M D Moxon	9	15	1	746	171*	53.21	1	5
A P Wells	8	12	1	581	130	52.81	2	3
K J Barnett	9	13	2	579	161	52.63	3	1
M E Waugh	9	13	1	630	178	52.50	1	5
R J Bailey	8	13	3	524	200	52.40	1	2

Bowling

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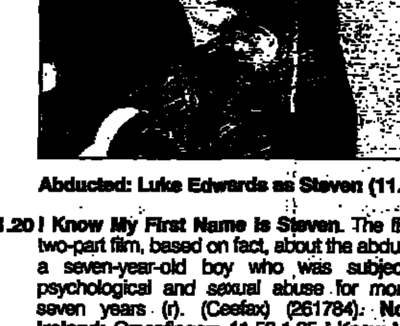
S K Warne	344.5	128	781	45	17.57	5-61	1	—
K E Cooper	209.2	76	498	21	19.42	5-83	1	—
M P Bicknell	296	87	721	36	20.02	6-43	3	1
Waqar Younis	204.2	45	602	30	20.06	6-43	3	—
K Benjamin	172.5	29	502	25	20.08	6-70	2	—
C E L Ambrose	189.5	50	434	21	20.66	5-76	1	—
E E Hemmings	286.3	84	692	33	20.97	7-31	2	1
S L Watkin	402.1	96	1093	52	21.01	5-71	2	—
N F Williams	219.2	33	673	32	21.03	6-61	1	—
K M Curran	219	60	588	28	21.03	5-38	1	—
J E Benjamin	279.3	71	747	35	21.34	4-96	—	—
J E Emburey	324.4	114	616	28	22.00	4-15	—	—
T B A May	254	77	618	28	22.07	4-75	—	—
P J Newport	215.1	56	525	23	22.82	6-63	1	—
A R Caddick	301.1	63	891	39	22.84	9-32	3	3
M J McCague	193.4	46	590	23	23.04	5-33	2	—

TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (31165)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70883097)
9.05 Morning Surgery. A behind-the-scenes look at a hospital's intensive care unit (s) (7882813) **9.20 Hot Chefs.** Alastair Little and John Tovey display their skills (s) (8377271) **9.45 Whatever Happened To . . ?** Richard Whitmore looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3478349)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8213417) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7529629) **10.30 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (2578455) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning.** Highlights from *Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick* (s) (6727146)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1960558) **11.05 Carol and Co.** American comedy drama series (4800788) **11.30 Come Dancing.** Manchester v Belfast (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6146)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8133815) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World.** The ruination of Tahiti (4396252) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (72632455)
1.00 News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (66788) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (88650368)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. The women's singles quarter-finals (s) (39062900)
4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant. Animation. (Ceefax) (s) (9620320) **4.35 Run the Risk.** Children's game show (r) (2296184)
5.00 Newsround (4770417) **5.10 Activ-8.** News of potholing and touch hockey. (Ceefax) (s) (9316078)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (738252). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (726)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (338). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: Serpents, Swiftlets and the Chasm of Gloom. David Attenborough explores deep caverns in the jungles of Borneo (r). (Ceefax) (2962)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (962)
8.00 *The Good Life.* Suburban self-sufficiency comedy starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal, Paul Eddington and Penelope Keith (r). (Ceefax) (1610)
8.30 *May To December.* Age-gap romantic comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7417)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (8981)
9.30 999. Highlights from last year's series of dramatic reconstructions of cases from the files of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (510558)
10.20 Today at Wimbledon presented by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (398558). **Wales:** Passport to... 11.10 Today at Wimbledon



Abducted: Luke Edwards as Steven (11.20pm)

11.20 I Know My First Name Is Steven. The first of a two-part film, based on fact, about the abduction of a seven-year-old boy who was subjected to psychological and *sexual* abuse for more than seven years (r). (Ceefax) (261784). **Northern Ireland:** Greenfingers 11.50-1.25 I Know My First Name is Steven; **Wales:** 12.10-1.40 I Know My First Name is Steven
12.55am Weather (1484905). Ends at **1.00**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (33769). **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (22653)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Darwin and Diversity (9989629) **7.10** Biology: Control in Reproduction (7097879) **7.35** Geology: Interpreting Sediments (1443875)
8.00 Breakfast News (4922639)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business in both Houses (6292436)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon presented by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (r) (s) (50788)
10.00 Film: Les Misérables (1957) starring Jean Gabin. The first of a two-part adaptation of Victor Hugo's classic tale of a former convict, now a philanthropist, hounded into middle age by an obsessive police inspector (Bernard Blier). Directed by Jean-Paul Le Chanois. In French with English subtitles. Continues tomorrow at the same time (6023813)
11.25 In the Making. A profile of John Wright, a puppeteer (r) (1964349)
11.45 Just So Stories. Rudyard Kipling's *The Cat That Walked By Itself* (r) (4094788) **11.55 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends.** Animation (r) (8242184)
12.00 Wimbledon 93. Day eight of the Championships features the start of the women's singles quarter-finals. 12.00-3.00 (527455) 3.00-6.00 (992610) 6.00-8.30 (495097). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00, 3.00 and 3.50**
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection. This week, summer recipes for people who prefer not to eat meat or fish. (Ceefax) (s) (1287)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Unusual science fiction series from America, starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. Sam Beckett is transported back to the Wild West and into the body of a gunslinger hero who has cleaned up a lawless town, but then someone from his past arrives with a score to settle. (Ceefax) (s) (352639)

Celebrity: Lady Sarah Graham-Moon (9.50pm)

9.50 Adultery: Revenge. (Ceefax) See Choice (328184)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (454368)
11.15 The Late Show: Michael Foucault — Beyond Good and Evil. A repeat of the edition exploring the strange life of the French philosopher who died in 1984 (s) (581146)
11.55 Weather (206233)
12.00 Watts in the Wind. How the introduction of wind power in the Shetlands was planned (69566). Ends at **12.30am**

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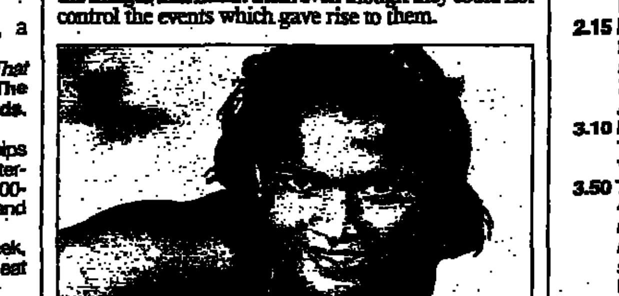
CHOICE

People First: Children Under Fire
Channel 4, 8.00pm

That children are traumatised by war is not exactly a revelation, but this constructive documentary shows what can be done to help them. Directed by award-winning cameraman Wayne Derrick, the film follows Norwegian psychologists Magne Raundalen and Atle Dyregrov as they talk to young victims of the Bosnian conflict. The testaments are often harrowing but the programme as a whole is uplifting. By drawing pictures or writing about their experiences, the children can come to terms with what has happened and, as Dyregrov explains, they can learn to control the images that haunt them even though they could not control the events which gave rise to them.



Hollywood star: Indian boy Sabu (C4, 9.00pm)

Rear Window: Sabu the Elephant Boy
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An intriguing episode in Hollywood's history is celebrated with this profile of Sabu, a fatherless Indian boy who was found under a tree during the filming of Alexander Korda's *Elephant Boy*. Such was his confidence with elephants, that he was given the leading role, becoming an overnight star. It is the kind of story which you can imagine ending in tears, but Sabu was resilient enough to cope with the culture shock. In later years, Hollywood could find only supporting roles for him but he was consoled by his happy family life. At the age of 39, he died of a massive heart attack, devastating his fans.

Viewpoint 93: In Satan's Name
ITV, 10.40pm

Antony Thomas, the film-maker behind *Death of a Princess*, has come up with a compelling documentary on satanism. There is no doubt that many people claim to have been involved in grisly rituals. Interviewees on this programme include a woman who claims she was forced to cut up and eat bits of her own baby. Yet although allegations of a worldwide satanic conspiracy abound, the FBI says it has been unable to uncover hard evidence of it. By talking to psychotherapists, parents accused of satanic abuse and those who have denounced their own families, Thomas posits a different view, arguing that unhappy, suggestible people may be influenced by pastors and therapists into thinking that they have been satanically abused.

Adultery: Revenge
BBC2, 9.50pm

The vengeful Lady Sarah Graham-Moon has had acres of publicity and this programme does not really get to the bottom of why she is still seeking it. All the same, Ray Gosling's interview makes for riveting television, simply because she is so open about her feelings. She admits, for example, that if she had had a gun she would have shot her adulterous husband in the testicles. As it was, she distributed Sir Peter Moon's expensive wines round the village, covered his car with white paint, and shortened one sleeve on each of his Savile Row suits. She is now relatively poor and awaiting the divorce settlement. Gosling enjoys cheering her up, joining her in the gym to discuss her sex life. Towards the end of the show, Lady Graham-Moon makes a confession; she has a lover — a married man, no less.

Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

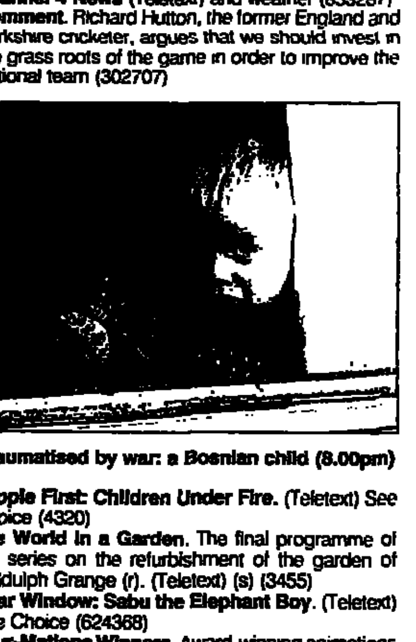
6.00 GMTV. The guests include Michelle Gayle, Hattie in *EastEnders*, and the Beach Boys (8359875)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor (8352962) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7432349)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series (r) (s) (56813)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine (32672436)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (r) (5910504)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1984252) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (12222964)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (117349) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (109320)
2.15 Heirloom. John Bly assesses the worth of items brought by the studio audience. He is joined by antiquities expert Gordon Lang (204829) **2.45 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (2090694)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2574813) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2573184) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama (7653320)
3.50 The Gingerbread Man (r). (Teletext) (s) (8651233) **4.00 Rubbish — King of the Jumble.** The first of a new animated series about a fat cat, narrated by Alexei Sayle (2427417) **4.15 Hulk Hogan.** Cartoon series (r) (9727287) **4.40 Wilderness Edge.** Episode two (r). (Teletext) (1353875)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8257184)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (348788)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (76504)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (2418)
7.30 London Wildlife Challenge. Chris Packham and Tony Hare are challenged to find 25 species alien to London living wild in the capital (s) (558)
8.00 The Bill: Honour Among Thieves. When a robbery goes wrong DI Burnside receives conflicting stories from the three men responsible about the whereabouts of the loot. (Teletext) (3078)

Jewel thieves: Durning and Falk (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: Happy New Year (1986) starring Peter Falk and Charles Durning. Comedy about two jewel thieves whose daring plans for a robbery are complicated when one of them falls in love. Directed by John G. Avildsen. (Teletext) (72639)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (41320) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (289146)
10.40 Viewpoint 93: In Satan's Name (s) See Choice (5269542)
11.55 The Lions Tour. Highlights of Waikato v the British Lions (565233)
12.45am Prisoner: Cell Block H (3787130)
1.35 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (4684943)
2.35 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. Highlights of the Budweiser/GI Joe's 200 from Portland, Oregon (9942656)
3.05 Film: The Case of the Black Parrot (1941, b/w) starring William Lundigan and Eddie Foy Jr. Thriller about a reporter and his chum on the trail of a notorious gangster known as the Black Parrot. Directed by Noel M. Smith (3746363)
4.00 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (r) (s) (89301)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (59740)
5.30 ITN Morning News (57721). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) (86928) **6.45 Ovide** (2030962)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (89639)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (68097)
9.30 Film: In Old Mexico (1938, b/w) starring William Boyd. The first of a short season of Hopalong Cassidy westerns. Directed by Edward T. Venturini (2583875)
10.35 Road to Avonlea. Award-winning drama set in Canada about a city girl living with her relatives in the rural idyll of Avonlea (r) (s) (1673707)
11.30 American Chronicles: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow. A documentary look at life on the road for a traditional American circus (r) (2184)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (48233)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (94691)
1.30 Take Five. Cartoons (98726)
2.00 Film: Never Take No for an Answer (1952, b/w) starring Vittorio Manunta and Denis O'Dea. Warm-hearted drama about a young boy who travels to Rome from Assisi to seek the Pope's permission to take his sick donkey to the crypt containing the remains of St Francis. Directed by Maurice Cloche and Ralph Smart (27225)
3.30 California Off-Beat. Wayne Freedman looks and listens to noises in California (r) (252)
4.00 Oilmen's Oasis. A *Survival* documentary exploring how oil rigs have become a kind of reef to hundreds of sea creatures (r) (287)
4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (271)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A special edition showing the effect the Ku Klux Klan has had on people's lives. (Teletext) (s) (6207469)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (872436)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy (r) (436)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana (s) (788)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (853287)
7.50 Comment. Richard Hutton, the former England and Yorkshire cricketer, argues that we should invest in the grass roots of the game in order to improve the national team (302707)



Traumatised by war: a Bosnian child (8.00pm)

8.00 People First: Children Under Fire. (Teletext) See Choice (4320)
8.30 The World in a Garden. The final programme of the series on the refurbishment of the garden of Biddulph Grange (r). (Teletext) (s) (3455)
9.00 Rear Window: Sabu the Elephant Boy. (Teletext) See Choice (624368)
9.45 Four-Mations Winners. Award-winning animations — *Alternative Fringe* (r) and *The Mill* (s) (107900)
10.00 Film: Face Value (1991) starring Cheryl Pollak and Dale Midkiff. Thriller about a small-town America young woman who arrives in New York hoping to succeed as a model but falls foul of an obsessive make-up man. Directed by John Gray. (Teletext) (274455)
11.45 Dream On. Adult comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (455417)
12.20am Four-Mations Winners. *Black Dog*, made by Alison de Vere (r) (7265473)
12.40 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guest is Betty Hutton (2191479)
1.15 Film: Le Bal (1983). A dialogue-free French film studying a half-a-century of social and political history shown in music and dance in a ballroom whose occupants mirror events occurring outside. Directed by Ettore Scola (107653). Ends at **3.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **5.10pm-5.40** Blockbusters (8257184) **6.00** Home and Away (144165) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (731928) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (558) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (941504) **12.50am** The Lions Tour (7809634) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Vania Vilers) (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2734189)

BORDER
As London except: **3.20pm-3.50** Sons and Daughters (765332) **6.00** Lookaround (894) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (146) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (558) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (941504) **12.50am** The Lions Tour (7809634) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Vania Vilers) (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** The ITV Chart Show (2734189)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15pm** A Country Practice (117349) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (109320) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7653320) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8257184) **6.00** Home and Away (144165) **6.25-7.00** Central News (731928) **7.30-8.00** Home Run (558) **12.45am** Film: Goodbye, My Lady (Walter Brennan, Phil Harris, Brandon de Wilde) (418295) **2.25** The Big E (2663030) **3.25** Sport AM (3971943) **4.25** Jobfinder (2748924) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5209634)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15pm** A Country Practice (117349) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (109320) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2090694) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (7653320) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (8257184) **6.00** Home and Away (894) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (146) **7.30-8.00** Travellers' Check (558) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (941504) **12.50am** The Lions Tour (7809634) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Vania Vilers) (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45pm-2.15** Blockbusters (109320) **6.00** HTV News (894) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (146) **7.30-8.00** The Great Little Trains of Wales (558) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (941504) **12.50am** The Lions Tour (7809634) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00pm** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Three's Company **7.30-8.00** Home Ground

MERIDIAN
As London except: **6.00pm** Meridian Tonight (894) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (146) **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (558) **12.45am-1.35** Magnum (3787130). **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (59740)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **5.55pm** Tyne Tees Today (758900) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (146) **7.30-8.00** Love & War (558) **12.45am** Comedy Tonight (4050672) **1.10** The Little Picture Show (2105672) **2.10** Sledge Hammer (6830112) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2758363) **3.35** Countdown (7272658) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (3304382)

ULSTER
As London except: **1.45pm-2.15** Fair City (109320) **3.20-3.50** Movies, Movies, Movies (7653320) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (76504) **7.30-8.00** Faces of Ulster (558) **12.45am** Crime Story (9082522) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2734189)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45pm-2.15** The Young Doctors (109320) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7653320) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (76504) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounter (558) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (565233) **12.50am** The Lions Tour (7809634) **1.40** Film: The Ballad of Menardeau (Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud, Vania Vilers) (2328108) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3982059) **4.10-5.00** ITV Chart Show (2734189)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **5.55pm** Calendar (758900) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (146) **7.30-8.00** Love & War (558) **12.45am** Comedy Tonight (4050672) **1.10** The Little Picture Show (2105672) **2.10** Sledge Hammer (6830112) **2.40** 60 Minutes (2758363) **3.35** Countdown (7272658) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6304382)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (89639) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (68097) **9.30** Film: Night Beat (8570165) **10.50** Film: The Devil To Pay (4289629) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (48233) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (89455) **1.00** Sesame Street (87610) **2.00** Film: Thieves Highway (215829) **3.40** Oprah Winfrey Show (7916504) **4.30** Happy Days (271) **5.00** Fifteen To One (5436) **5.30** The Real World (523) **6.00** Newyddion (504523) **6.10** Heno (199691) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (900) **7.30** Slec Yn Dynn (900) **8.00** Almanac (4320) **8.30** Newyddion (363558) **8.55** Resus (394165) **9.45** Formulations (107900) **10.00** The Golden Palace (49962) **10.30** Sound Stuff (63962) **11.30** Sin with Bruce Morton (799233) **11.55** Why Do Angels Fly? (686523) **12.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (49967833) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4637610) **9.10** Cartoons (2462349) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (11691) **10.00** Card Sharks (7692962) **10.25** Concentration (7340639) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1189252) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (28417) **11.30** Falcon Crest (80829) **12.30pm** E Street (22707) **1.00** Another World (9736900) **1.45** Three's Company (756252) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (432455) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (744417) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8491320) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8833) **6.00** Games World (4455) **6.30** E Street (5707) **7.00** Rescue (1252) **7.30** Full House (4691) **8.00** Murphy Brown (3900) **8.30** Designing Women (6707) **9.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (57417) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (50504) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (18165)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (62336) **8.30** News and Business Report (432813) **9.30** ABC Nightline (19233) **10.00** Dayline (85349) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (62691) **11.30** International Business Report (52441) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (73707) **1.30** Good Morning America (74436) **2.30** Parliament Live (1427962) **3.15** Parliament Live (8935252) **4.30** News and Business Report (1504) **5.00** Live at Five (837441) **7.30** Target (2233) **9.30** Talkback (33813) **11.30** ABC News (97455) **12.30am** Target (24127) **1.30** ABC News (98030) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (82450) **3.30** ABC News (50045) **4.30** Target (22030) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (18045)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8624558)
10.00 One Against the Wind (1991): Judy Davis stars as second world war heroine Mary Lindell (26523)
12.00 The Doomsday Flight (1966): A plane carries an explosive cargo (92639)
2.00pm Joe Panther (1976): Children's adventure about a modern Indian (74184)
4.00 The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977): Drama about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Starring Bradford Dillman (5455)
6.00 One Against the Wind (as 10am) (54320)
8.00 Young Guns II (1990): Emilio Estevez returns as Billy the Kid (66165)
10.00 The Punisher (1990): Dolph Lundgren turns vigilante (818913)
11.45 Graveyard Shift (1990): Killer rats besiege a textile mill (550610)
1.15am Bawdy Tales: Medieval stories from Italy (901130)

2.50 Fever (1992): Armande Assante and Sam Neill team up to rescue girlfriend Marcia Gay Harden (310634)
4.25 Piranha (1978): Spoof of *Jaws* (490030). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Caine Mutiny (1954): Naval captain Humphrey Bogart is relieved of his command (15613184)
8.05 The Fortune (1975): Warren Beatty and Jack Nicholson kidnap heiress Stockard Channing (39002813)
10.00 Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice (1969): Paul Mazursky's sexual comedy (968225). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.05am Son of Dracula (1943, b/w): Lon Chaney Jr plays the Count (4988504)
8.30 Red Riding Hood (1988): Fairy-tale with Amelia Shankley (83349)
10.00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic slant on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (24165)
12.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist: Animation (891610)
1.40pm Alice Through the Looking Glass: Cartoon adventures (5641078)
3.00 The Purple People Eater (1988): Neil Patrick Harris conjures up an alien (32559962)
4.40 Red Riding Hood (as 8.30am) (8521829)
6.00 Pink Lightning (1991): Five women hit the road in a pink Cadillac (52962)
8.00 Soapdish (1991): Sally Field plays a soap opera star (84707)
10.00 Body Parts (1991): Jeff Fahey's newly grafted arm becomes violent (62310)
11.30 Videodrome (1982): James Woods suffers hallucinations (916829)
1.05am The Perfect Bride (1991): Sammi Davis wants marital bliss (406360)
2.40 In a Stranger's Hand (1991): Robert Urich helps Megan Gallagher to find her missing daughter (471269)
4.20 Child's Play (1972): Violent drama about rival teachers James Mason and Robert Preston (684586). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (12417) **7.00** National Cycling League (20146) **8.00** Jack High Bowls (21675) **9.00** Prime Bodies (58233) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (85875) **10.00** Wimbledon News (8561417) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (16065436) **12.00** Red Line (57946) **1.00pm** Golf: French Open (17962) **3.00** Dubai Open Snooker (17233) **5.00** Kickboxing (9813) **6.00** WWF Challenge (97610) **7.00** Watersports (93233) **8.00** The Footballers' Football Show (38851) **9.00** Wimbledon News (632146) **9.05** Rugby Union Super Ten Championship (94318900) **11.00** Team Pool (67455) **12.00** Kickboxing '93 (39924) **1.00-3.00am** Dubai Open Snooker (36498)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (55610) **8.00** Gymnastics (28078) **10.00** Athletics (90707) **12.00** Football: America Cup (14829) **2.00pm** Basketball (22894) **3.00** IndyCar Grand Prix (74610) **4.00** Gymnastics (1417) **6.00** Eurofun (8813) **6.30** Eurosport News (9165) **7.00** Snooker (63639) **9.00** Boxing (735748) **11.30** Triathlon (27349) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (30092)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (3685900) **7.30** Neighbours (3651707) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4700165) **8.30** EastEnders (4709436) **9.00** The Bill (4780788) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (9730610) **10.30** Casualty (1826165) **11.30** Happy Ever After (7404815) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4703252) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6636523) **1.00** EastEnders (3664271) **1.30** The Bill (6635894) **2.00** The Magnificent Evans (4413097) **2.30** Bread (7135271) **3.00** Dallas (3804851) **4.00** Dynasty (4159748) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4404349) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7219287) **6.00** Neighbours (7136900) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (6780894) **7.30** The Magnificent Evans (7123436) **8.00** EastEnders (4493233) **8.30** Bread (4412368) **9.00** Casualty (8251417) **10.00** The Bill (4704981) **10.30** Life Without George (4893829) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (3709207) **11.30** Dr Who (2078436) **12.00** Film: Never a Dull Moment (1950, b/w) starring Irene Dunne (1987108) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (65584363)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (53349) **7.00** Ratkan II (26707) **9.00** Jack in the Box (44982) **11.00** Stories Without Words (17349) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (22813) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (48368) **2.00** Stories Without Words (9078) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5177) **3.00** Babar (1813) **3.30** Ratkan II (31788) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (6558) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4813) **6.00-7.00** Fame (28504)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Literature — Englands of the Mind **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: August de Boeck (Fantasy on Two Flemish Folk Tunes); Haydn (Symphony No 91 in E flat); Massenet (Scènes finale, Macbeth, Scènes dramatiques); Rossini, arr Britten (Matinées musicales)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach in Leipzig. John Thornley presents Bach's music for the Collegium Musicum. Including Harpsichord Concerto in F minor, BWV 1056; Coffee Cantata, BWV 211; Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1068
10.00 Palestrina: Mass for the feast of Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul as it might have been celebrated during Palestrina's lifetime. Mass and Motet, Tu es Petrus a 6 (Taverner Consort and Choir under Andrew Parrott)
11.00 Morning Sequence: Debussy (Première Rapsodie: Robert Gugholz, clarinet; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Ernest Ansermet); Artist of the Week: Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli, piano, plays Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 7); Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra: LSO under the composer)
12.00 Utrecht '92: Amsterdam Baroque Choir and Orchestra under Ton Koopman perform Biber (Sonata Sancti Polycarpi; Requiem; In festo trium regium) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Haydn and Falla: Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat); Falla (El Amor brujo: Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Jesus Lopez-Cobos)
2.05 Alkan: Grande Sonate, Op 33, Les quatre âges (Marc-André Hamelin, piano)
2.45 BBC Festival of Brass: The last of eight concerts features the Britannia Building Society Band under Howard Snell. Wilfred Heaton (Celestial Prospect); Edward Gregson (Dances and Arias); John McCabe (Northern Lights); Eric Ball (Exodus); Philip Wilby (Lowry Sketchbook)
3.45 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Takuo Yuasa performs Dvořák (Overture, Husitska); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor)
4.30 Hawks Stalks: The first of six programmes on the tenor saxophonist Coleman Hawkins *is an overview of his career*
5.00 In Tune with Andrew Green
7.30 Ottone: The King's Consort under Robert King performs Handel's opera in three acts, to a text adapted by Nicola Haym from a libretto by Stefano Pallavicino. Sung in Italian. With James Bowman in the title role; Claron McFadden as Teofane and Jennifer Smith as Gismonda
10.15 Samuel Barber: Ballade, Op 46 (Angela Brownridge, piano); Cello Sonata (Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, Roger Vignoles, piano)
10.45 Night Waves: Michèle Roberts talks to the novelist Adam Mars Jones and discusses an exhibition of Pissarro paintings
11.30 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the parallel development of symphony and symphonic poem. Smetana (Vysehrad: Czech PO under Rafael Kubelik); Dvořák (Symphony No 5 in F: London Symphony Orchestra under Istvan Kertesz)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Lynn Gallagher **6.30** Today, *with Brian Redhead and John Humphrys.* Including **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Father John McDade **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 The Greening of Red Ken (FM only): MP Ken Livingstone studies an endangered species, the zoo-keeper
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Leviticus. Bernard Hill reads the fourth of five parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the novelist Celia Brayfield; discusses women in the Labour party; and listens to Beverley Johnston playing percussion. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts examines the prostate gland
12.00 You and Yours, presented by John Howard
12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney asks: what is in a name? **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Kings' Hostage, by Diana Griffiths. Gwenllian is the daughter of the last Welsh *Prince of Wales. Held in* Sempringham Priory from the age of 17 months until her death 55 years later, her sheltered life is changed by *the arrival of the worldly* Blanche. With Sheila Allen and Nicola Goodchild
2.30 Singing for a Living: Nigel Douglas talks to the opera singer Nicolai Gedda
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 What If . . ? (FM only): See Choice.
3.30 Punters (FM only), presented by Susan Marling
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews John Le Carré's novel, *The Night Manager*, and Anita Brookner's *A Family Romance*; and listens to a performance by the singer/songwriter John Prine
4.45 Short Story: The Man from the Sea, by Lorn Macintyre. Read by Anne-Louise Ross
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Virgin in the Ice, by Ellis Peters. Sir Michael Hordern narrates the second series of *The Chronicles of Brother Cadfael*. Starring Philip Madoc as the medieval sleuth (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Justice on Trial: Gerry Northam examines the British judicial system
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Truth to Tell: Marco Polo. Little-known true stories from Anthony Smith
8.45 In Touch: Peter White presents news, views and information for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Written and read by Dirk Bogarde (4/12)
11.00 The Radio Programme (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Andrew Lloyd Webber: In Production. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Strict chronology is abandoned in part one of Stuart Grundy's life of this phenomenon of musical theatre. Strangely, it is not a fault. With Lloyd Webber, much of what happened yesterday pre-echoes what happens today and even tomorrow. This is particularly true of *Sunset Boulevard*, his new musical, now previewing in London. Michael Crawford, Lloyd Webber's "Phantom", is the series' narrator, and there are contributions from celebrities who owe as much to Lloyd Webber as he owes to them.

What If . . ? *Radio 4, 3.00pm (FM only).*

Serious speculation gives way to wild fantasy when two historians, Philip Ziegler and David Cannadine, are invited by Christopher Andrew to contemplate Edward VIII ruling with Mrs Simpson at his side. Cannadine sees two "completely delinquent" children born of the marriage. Prince (later King) Simpson would have an affair with Madonna, his sister with Ian Botham or Jeremy Paxman. In Ziegler's scenario, the Duke and Duchess of York are banished to the ends of the earth, out of harm's way.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jackie Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Jools Holland (r) **9.00** Def Leppard (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Simply Ballroom **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Andrew Lloyd Webber: In Production. See Choice **10.00** Walking on Sunshine: Eddy Grant presents a series on Caribbean music, with this programme looking at the impact of reggae on the British singles charts in the 1970s **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **9.15** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** Comical Tales: The Wonderful Red "Memory" Stretch-Wool Socks, by Margaret Mahy. Read by Stephanie Cole (2/5) **7.30** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult Radio **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Hallowed Ground **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Growing Points in Medicine **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** From Age to Age **2.45** Country Style **3.00** News **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bach (Violin Concerto in E) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Belmont Ensemble performs Mozart (Concerto for flute and harp; Violin Concerto on B flat, K207; Symphony No 40 in G minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Gatting, Hick, Foster, Lewis and Tufnell dropped from side to take on Australia in third Test

Selectors inject new life into England squad

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE clear-out of tired and beaten old faces that the English cricket public demanded was delivered in dramatic style by the selectors yesterday. Five members of the side that lost by an innings at Lord's have been dropped for the third Test at Trent Bridge this week, for which England's party of 13 has an average age of 26 and includes nine men who have played three Tests or fewer.

This thorough shuffling of the pack will not satisfy all observers, especially those in Glamorgan, Yorkshire and other provincial parts who have long suspected a Home Counties bias — nine of the squad play for Essex, Surrey or Kent — or those who have it that gifted youngsters, such as Mark Lathwell and Graham Thorpe, are only chosen when out of form.

But as a response to seven consecutive Test defeats, it is, at least, far from complacent. "The selectors wish to go forward," Ted Dexter, the chairman, declared. Keith Fletcher, his team manager, added that he was "excited" by the team.

Graham Gooch, the captain and now senior player by 61 caps and almost ten years, has bowed to selectorial pressure and surrendered his opening position to Lathwell, the potential star of the new generation. Gooch will bat in the middle-order, alongside Thorpe and Nasser Hussain, who were contentiously preferred to David Gower and Matthew Maynard as replacements for Mike Gatting and Graeme Hick.

After playing more positively at Lord's, Hick can be thought unfortunate to go ahead of Robin Smith. Nobody doubts Smith's courage, or his ability to maul seam bowling of any pace, but his inadequacies against the Australian spin bowlers cannot entirely have been answered by his 191 for Hampshire on Sunday, when Shane Warne was not playing and Tim May, for the most part, was not bowling.

If Smith is lucky to be reprieved, Hussain's luck is in being recalled, three years after the last of his three caps against West Indies. Talented beyond question, Hussain can be bracketed with one of his rivals for the place, Mark Ramprakash, as a flawed temperament. He has made four centuries this summer, and is a brilliant all-round fielder, but must have been a borderline selection.

Thorpe is only 23 but, after four tours with the England A team, he has to take the final step this year. His form, viewed last week by both Dexter and Fletcher, does not justify him playing now but it is hard to criticise a selection that looks determinedly forward.

Other casualties of the changes are Chris Lewis, in whom patience has been exhausted, Phil Tufnell, who needs to restore his confidence in county cricket, and Neil Foster, whose inclusion at Lord's was a justifiable but fruitless experiment, rightly abandoned.

England plan to field only four specialist bowlers on what is likely to be a slow, seaming pitch at Trent Bridge and, whatever their final selection, it will be the most inexperienced attack in memory. The six bowlers named have played only five Tests between them and three are uncapped.

A chance has been taken on the recovery rate of Alan Igglesden, who looked certain to be deprived of a cap for the second time this summer when suffering a back strain during Kent's championship match against Yorkshire on Saturday.

The selectors' high opinion of him — Dexter, for one, believes him far and away the best new-ball bowler in the country — is reflected by his inclusion in such circumstances, although Martin Bicknell has been chosen principally on stand-by.

Igglesden might be joined in the final XI by either Mark Ilott, who deserves to play after twice being twelfth man, or Martin McCague, whose pace, heart and bustling style make him a popular selection, even if his expedient decision to "become" English does not.

This time last year, McCague was still regarded, in terms of a Test future, as Australian; it is here that he differs from Andy Caddick. McCague's decision to use his Irish birthright rather than his Australian upbringing was apparently based on nothing other than opportunism and those who believe the England side has already suffered from a lack of national identity may not entirely be appeased by the claims of Dexter. "We are different from other countries," he said. "We must just recognise our multi-national outlook and be proud of it."

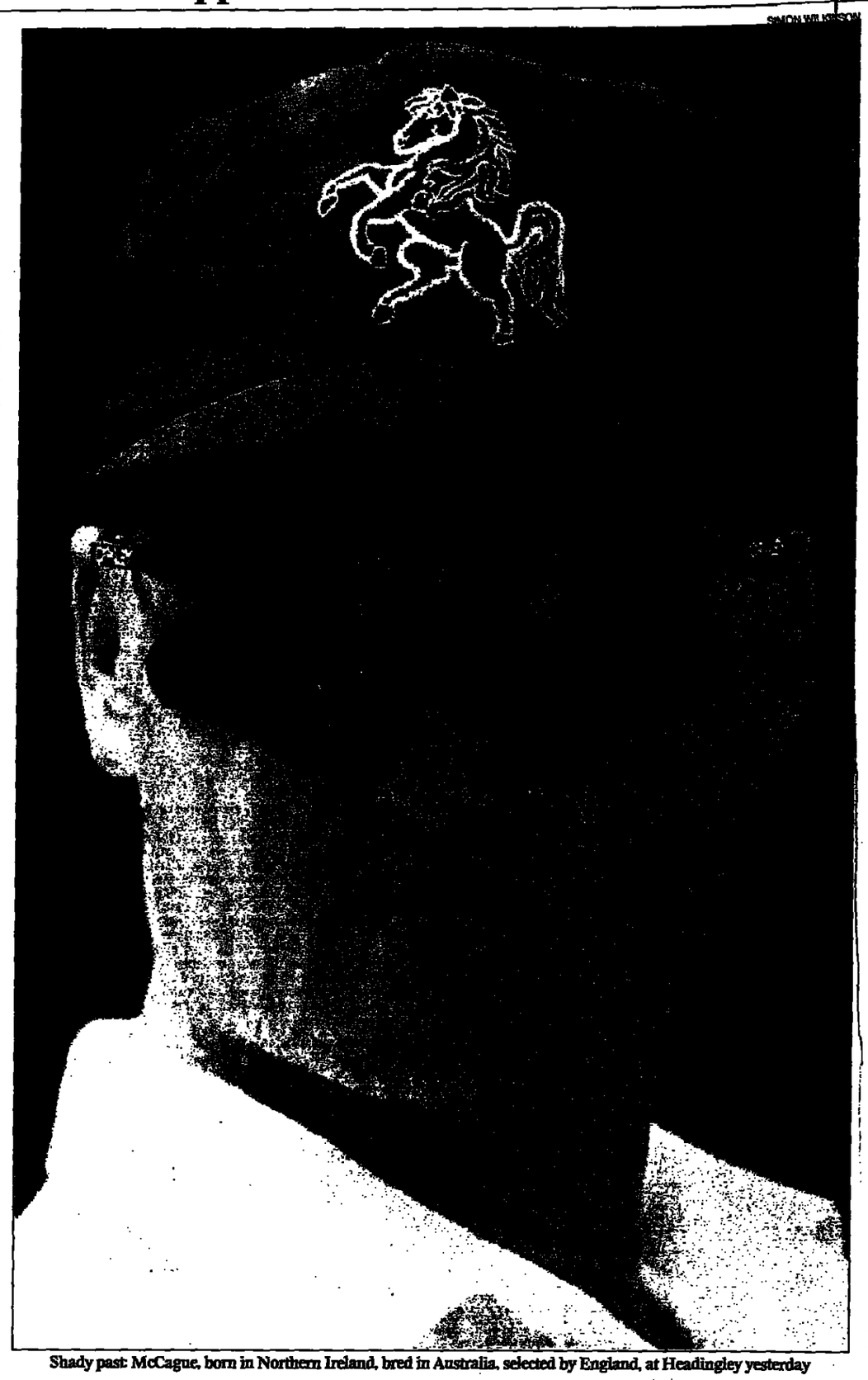
McCague should have no place in an England team. Our game, however, has gone so far down the road of accommodation to all-comers that the clock cannot now be turned back. Judged purely on his ability and potential, McCague deserves a chance to show that he can inject vitality into a stagnant attack.

The selectors, regrettably, devoted no time to the option of a specialist wicketkeeper and Alec Stewart will continue in the job, though it has to be decided where, between Nos 5 and 7, he will bat. The one justification for the tactic is that Peter Such will provide the only spin bowling, so the majority of Stewart's work will be done standing back.

Middlesex go top, page 42
John Woodcock, page 42

ENGLAND PARTY

	Age	Tests
G A Gooch (Essex, capt)	39	103
M A Atherton (Lancs)	25	25
M N Lathwell (Somerset)	21	0
R A Smith (Hampshire)	29	42
N Hussain (Essex)	25	3
G P Thorpe (Surrey)	23	0
A J Stewart (Surrey)	30	28
M P Bicknell (Surrey)	24	0
A R Caddick (Somerset)	24	2
M C Ilott (Essex)	22	0
P M Such (Essex)	29	2
M J McCague (Kent)	24	0
A P Igglesden (Kent)	28	1



Shady past: McCague, born in Northern Ireland, bred in Australia, selected by England, at Headingley yesterday

Australia upset by choice of McCague

ENGLAND'S decision yesterday to include Martin McCague, the Australian-bred fast bowler, in their party for the third Test match, has aroused the indignation of their opponents.

Graham Halbish, chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) wants stiffer qualifications to apply to players such as McCague, who is qualified for England because he was born in Northern Ireland, and will be raising the issue at next week's meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at Lord's.

"We have invested time and money in McCague and other players like him to provide depth for Australian cricket," Halbish said. "We have no problems with McCague's selection under current ICC regulations. He is eligible and England are free to pick him. But the ACB is concerned because we have made a considerable investment in McCague, Alan Mullally, Jason Gallian, Craig White and Peter Bowler.

"We sent a letter to the Test and County Cricket Board several months ago expressing our concern that there is no qualification period in place for players going from under-19 national cricket into Tests. If they play junior cricket for one country then they should serve a qualifying period for another."

McCague, brought up in Western Australia from the age of two, played for the state in the Sheffield Shield for two seasons from 1990 and also went to the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide.

He said yesterday: "I don't really want to talk about the nationality business. I am a British passport holder and if I went to Australia now I would have to get a visa just like anyone else."

Gallian, the Oxford University captain, is a former captain of Australia's under-19 team and is serving the last of a four-year qualification period to be eligible for Lancashire and England.

Mullally, the Leicestershire fast bowler, White, the Yorkshire all-rounder and Bowler, the Derbyshire opening batsman, all play county cricket as "Englishmen" because they were born in England before growing up in Australia.

Stich beats path to quarter-final against Becker

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

WIMBLEDON is preparing for one of the pivotal matches of the men's singles. Boris Becker, three times the holder of the title, is to play Michael Stich, the champion two years ago, in a quarter-final that is sure to be a revelation.

Becker yesterday ruined the record of Henri Leconte, the only man who had not dropped a set, and a romantic fantasy. The dashing Frenchman is to celebrate his thirtieth birthday on Sunday, the day reserved for the final, but, in spite of a characteristic flourish in the third set, he was beaten 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

A thoroughly miserable affair was being staged at the same time on court two, known as the graveyard of champions.

The legend was appropriate, if not to the outcome, to the demeanour exhibited by a pair who might have been fellow mourners at a funeral.

Stich survived comfortably enough but no distant onlooker would have guessed that he had. If he was not swishing the air in annoyed irritation, he was either bouncing his racket on the turf or muttering to himself in his native German tongue.

All this from a man who claimed a few weeks ago that he had been persuaded by his wife, Jessica, to demonstrate that he likes his work.

Petr Korda equalled him for joylessness but could not match him for anything else and was beaten 7-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Having already accumulated more than $2 million in prize money, Korda is unlikely to seek other employment but, if need be, he could offer himself as the brush for any chimney sweep.

With so thin a frame and so spiky a mop of hair, he would be ideal. Yet he and the slender Stich generated disproportionate power.

Stich, the eighth seed, did so more efficiently during an unappealing match in which two strokes constituted a long rally.

He also removed a mental barrier. He had lost five times in six previous meetings with Korda but none of them, significantly, had been staged on grass.

He holds a psychological advantage over Becker, having beaten him at the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's three weeks ago and at Wimbledon in 1991, and he has so far dropped only one set in four rounds here.

But his form was not so convincing yesterday and his mood was utterly cheerless.

So was that of a petulent and ill-tempered Wayne Ferreira, the thirteenth seed, from South Africa. He deserved to be warned for racket abuse well before he stood at set-point in the second set against Jim Courier but he was visibly distraught by the timing of the umpire's intervention.

Unnecessarily, it so disturbed his concentration that he, a proven grass-court player who had reached the final at Queen's, was knocked out by a player respected only for his achievements on harder surfaces.

Courier has never progressed further than the quarter-finals and, this year, he will meet there one of his best friends, Todd Martin.

There will apparently be no good humour during their match, either. "Once we get on court, we'll leave the friendship in the locker-room," Courier said.

"It will still be there when we come back but, out there, we will be going at each other's throats."

He might by now have been sizing up the jugular of David Wheaton. He led 3-0 in the final set against the bearded Martin, one of his victims at Wimbledon last year, but he suddenly and inexplicably lost his way to go out 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

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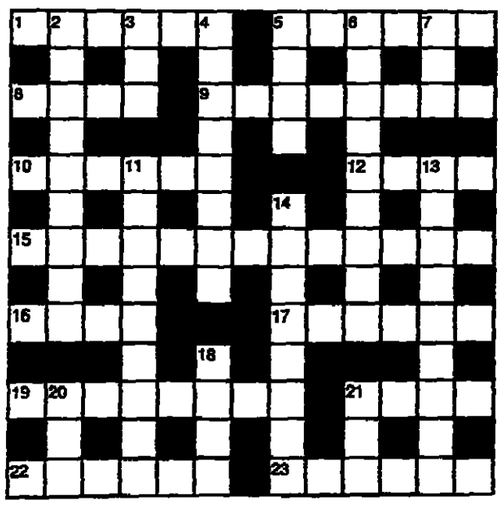

ACROSS
1 Get (6)
5 Endeavour (6)
8 Equitable (4)
9 Retreat (8)
10 Pardoned (6)
12 Paralysed (4)
15 Upper Thames event (6,7)
16 Nothing (4)
17 Hold back (6)
19 Clapping (8)
21 Ship's prison (4)
22 Bricklayer's tool (6)
23 Wanders (6)

DOWN
2 Utter profanities (9)
3 Strathclyde port (3)
4 In these times (8)
5 Location (4)
6 No longer needed (9)
7 By way of (3)
11 Formal control (4,2,3)
13 Motherhood (9)
14 Not frightened (8)
18 Complete (4)
20 Golf standard (3)
21 Drinks counter (3)

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ACROSS: 1 Comprehension 8 Endow 9 Reddish 10 Bee 11 Rhino 12 Borstal 14 Hearty 16 Spends 20 Descant 23 Rumba 24 Ant 25 Conform 26 Umber 27 Stiff as a board

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By Raymond Keene

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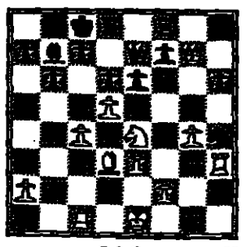

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By Philip Howard

CLASSICS

CLEON
a. A comic poet
b. An Athenian demagogue
c. A Spartan king

GERYON
a. A Theban general
b. Nearer Spain
c. A three-headed cowboy

ANNA COMNENA
a. A sacred year
b. Greek woman historian
c. Trajan's wife

OGYGIA
a. A paradisal island
b. One of the three Graces
c. A lost satire by Euripides

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